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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE TO
RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS WHEN ENFORCING UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION
LAWS.

WHEREAS, the immigration and naturalization service is
charged with the responsibility of enforcing United States
immigration laws; and

WHEREAS, in the process of carrying out provisions of the
law, the immigration and naturalization service sometimes
enters into businesses to apprehend illegal immigrants; and

WHEREAS, business owners and patrons of those businesses
may be acting in accordance with the laws and may be
exercising their constitutional and human rights; and

WHEREAS, actions by the immigration and naturalization
service under these circumstances may damage those businesses

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1 and disturb patrons, interfering with their rights;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
3 OF NEW MEXICO that the immigration and naturalization service
4 be requested to respect business owners and business patrons
5 in the course of enforcing United States laws and provide
6 prior notification to business owners before entering business
7 premises to enforce those laws; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the commissioner of immigration and
10 naturalization and the New Mexico congressional delegation.