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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO
CONSTRUCT RECHARGE WELLS ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY TO RECHARGE
GROUND WATER.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is an arid state, and surface water
is fully appropriated; and

WHEREAS, most municipal water systems depend heavily on
ground water for their water supply; and

WHEREAS, ground water in certain areas of the state is
being depleted at alarming rates; and

WHEREAS, technology exists to assist mother nature in
replenishment of ground water; and

WHEREAS, state roadways account for a significant
impermeable surface area that could harvest rainwater;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation
2 department be requested to design and construct ground
3 water replenishment structures in state rights of way; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the secretary of highway and transportation.

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