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57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
CREATION OF A GROUP TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A
STATE OFFICE OF PEACE.

WHEREAS, global, national and local communities are facing
and working to resolve increasingly complex and urgent issues
related to violence, conflict and safety; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a unique role in discussions
related to peace and conflict, given its historical
relationship to the nuclear weapons industry and the
significant proportion of members of the armed forces who are
from the state; and

WHEREAS, there is growing momentum and interest in peace-
building through development of dispute resolution skills
within schools, places of employment and incarceration

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1 facilities; and

2 WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of this work, over the
3 years and as recently as February 2025, there have been a
4 number of efforts at the national and state levels to establish
5 departments of peace; and

6 WHEREAS, a state-level office of peace in New Mexico could
7 work for the benefit of all New Mexico residents using peace-
8 building principles and including work in the areas of
9 restorative justice, prevention of conflict, the addressing of
10 violence, mediation and the promotion of justice; and

11 WHEREAS, a group to study the feasibility of creation of a
12 state office of peace would provide an opportunity for
13 community members with relevant expertise and experience to
14 collaborate on developing recommendations;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
17 legislative council be requested to direct the creation of a
18 group to study the feasibility of creating a state office of
19 peace and to develop and make recommendations to the
20 appropriate interim legislative committee on creation of the
21 office; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the group be composed of no
23 more than seven members, with one member appointed from each of
24 the following stakeholder groups by a representative of the
25 university of New Mexico school of law:

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