

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO DEVELOP AN OFFICIAL  
REGISTRY OF EXISTING COMMUNITY LAND GRANTS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, community land grants have existed in New  
Mexico since the beginning of Spanish settlement in the early  
sixteenth century; and

WHEREAS, the only complete official registry of these  
land grants is with the federal government; and

WHEREAS, nearly all remaining community land grants are  
located in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these remaining community land grants are a  
living repository of the colorful and grand history and  
culture of this great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of state be requested  
to develop criteria for the creation of an official New

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1 Mexico land grant registry to preserve the historical,  
2 cultural and legal record of community land grants; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 sent to the secretary of state.

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