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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION TO INSTITUTE
CHANGES IN ITS POLICIES AND OPERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico activities association
regulates, directs and supervises all junior and senior high
school athletics in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico activities association
literature states that it is directly accountable to its
constituency and that its member schools have a vote in every
matter pertinent to the regulations and by-laws; and

WHEREAS, in practice, policy decisions are often made
without an opportunity for the membership to fully and
completely participate; and

WHEREAS, the decisions and actions of the New Mexico
activities association affect not only individual athletes
and teams, but schools, communities, families and individuals

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1 throughout New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, public schools contribute fees to the New
3 Mexico activities association, and public school
4 superintendents comprise a majority of the New Mexico
5 activities association board of directors, and thus the
6 meetings, decisions and financial records of the New Mexico
7 activities association should be publicized and made easily
8 accessible to the general public; and

9 WHEREAS, there is little effort to inform and include
10 this wider constituency in the meetings and policy decisions
11 of the New Mexico activities association; and

12 WHEREAS, a revision of the New Mexico activities
13 association rulebook to simplify and clarify rules would
14 improve comprehension and compliance by members; and

15 WHEREAS, development of an equitable, fair and
16 comprehensive system for assigning officials to athletic
17 events would promote retention of qualified officials; and

18 WHEREAS, development of alternate financing options for
19 the New Mexico activities association could relieve the
20 burden on member schools and secure the stability and
21 solvency of the association;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico activities
24 association and its executive director institute changes in
25 the policies and operations of the association to improve
accountability and responsiveness to its members and the
public and to address the concerns outlined in this memorial;

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1 and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the executive director and members of the
4 board of directors of the New Mexico activities association
5 and to all member schools of the New Mexico activities
6 association.

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