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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND MCKINLEY COUNTY
TO WORK WITH THE RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER TO DEVELOP A FUNDING
PACKAGE TO CONSTRUCT A WASTEWATER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the communities of Ramah and Pine Hill are
located in Cibola county in the Ramah Navajo chapter; and
WHEREAS, Pine Hill, with a population of around three
thousand, is in a remote area and is located at least sixty-
five miles from other larger communities in Cibola or
McKinley counties; and

WHEREAS, Pine Hill has the only wastewater system for
miles around; and

WHEREAS, efforts have been made by the Ramah Navajo
school board to obtain funding to develop a wastewater system
for the Pine Hill and Ramah communities, including a health
clinic, the Pine Hill school and the Pine Hill mini-mart,
general store and laundromat, and even though the need has

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1 been assessed and a plan exists, no money is available to
2 improve the existing inadequate wastewater system;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NEW
4 MEXICO that the department of environment, the county of
5 McKinley and the Ramah Navajo chapter of Ramah work to
6 develop a funding package for expanding and improving the
7 wastewater system for the communities of Ramah and Pine Hill
8 in Cibola county; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the secretary of environment, the county
11 commission and county manager of McKinley county, the Ramah
12 Navajo school board and the president of the Ramah Navajo
13 chapter.