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1 evaluate growth management alternatives; and

2 WHEREAS, the December 1996 report, *Growth in New Mexico,*  
3 *Impact and Options*, offers a comprehensive analysis of issues  
4 and options for statewide growth; and

5 WHEREAS, a joint interim land-use committee was created to  
6 study land-use issues and frameworks in New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, decisions about new growth and development in the  
8 state have become increasingly complex and challenging for all  
9 levels of government, due to regulation and differing public  
10 policy objectives; and

11 WHEREAS, there is a need for better coordination and  
12 cooperation and for diverse viewpoints in land-use policy in  
13 the state; and

14 WHEREAS, state agencies have recognized that they need to  
15 provide appropriate and acceptable responses to local land-use  
16 decisions; and

17 WHEREAS, state-coordinated efforts pertaining to land use  
18 and development may lead to significant savings in public  
19 infrastructure costs; better stewardship of the state's  
20 natural, historic, scenic and cultural resources; an increased  
21 supply of affordable housing; orderly, safe and well-planned  
22 urban and rural environments; and increased private economic  
23 development activities;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to create a

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1 blue ribbon task force to study land-use issues in New Mexico,  
2 including a comprehensive review of the state's planning,  
3 subdivision and land-use enabling statutes and state agency  
4 rules and policies; ways for the state to more effectively  
5 serve the needs of state and local governments in land-use  
6 planning; and mechanisms to improve overall coordination of  
7 state responsibilities; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its  
9 findings and recommendations to the governor and the  
10 legislature by December 2003; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the office of the governor.

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