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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING THE WEB SITE OF THE STATE HISTORIAN AS THE OFFICIAL
12 NEW MEXICO STATE HISTORY WEB SITE.

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14 WHEREAS, the role of an official historian has figured
15 prominently in the historiography of New Mexico, and its
16 historians have included many distinguished men and women over
17 the centuries; and

18 WHEREAS this distinctively unique position in state
19 government is charged with serving as New Mexico's leading
20 advocate and authority on matters relating to the
21 interpretation of New Mexico history; and

22 WHEREAS, the mission of the office of the state historian
23 is to foster and facilitate an understanding and appreciation
24 of New Mexico's history and culture through education,
25 research, preservation and community outreach; and

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1 WHEREAS, the state historian's commitment to heritage
2 preservation defines the office's efforts to preserve the
3 histories, experiences, memories and in accord with the state
4 records center mission, the written record of New Mexicans; and

5 WHEREAS, the state historian's commitment to education
6 defines the office's efforts to recognize the critical value of
7 raising historical consciousness and appreciation by the
8 general public and students of every age; and

9 WHEREAS, given the central role of history in our state's
10 educational system, the office of the state historian is poised
11 to make a critical contribution to students' critical thinking
12 and historical consciousness; and

13 WHEREAS, the state historian's commitment to making
14 historical information accessible, all-inclusive and meaningful
15 is of paramount importance; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2003 the state historian conceived of an
17 imaginative means of creating a virtual engagement with New
18 Mexico's living history for residents across the state and
19 globe, with a goal of bringing visitors face to face with
20 letters, maps and the myriad documents that have changed the
21 face of New Mexico over the centuries as well as the oral
22 histories, photographs and video footage that give voice to the
23 unwritten record; and

24 WHEREAS, through the efforts of the state commission of
25 public records, the financial support from the New Mexico

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1 legislature and the governor of the state of New Mexico,
2 preliminary funding has allowed the initiation of the project;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the office of the state historian has also taken
5 an active lead in creating and fostering collaborations that
6 have resulted in the project's forward momentum with
7 partnerships created with the media arts department at New
8 Mexico highlands university, the American studies department at
9 the university of New Mexico, the university of New Mexico
10 press, the state library, the palace of the governors and the
11 state monuments division; and

12 WHEREAS, the visionary navigation invites participants of
13 the web site to experience the past through themes that explore
14 the wisdom of places, the significance of events, the
15 complexity of the human condition and the transformative power
16 of storytelling, all complemented with an online forum and
17 interactive calendar;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the office of the state historian be
20 recognized for the critical role in fostering and facilitating
21 an understanding and appreciation of New Mexico's history and
22 culture through education, research, preservation and community
23 outreach; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico state history
25 web site project created and supported by the office of the

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1 state historian be declared the official history web site of
2 the state of New Mexico; and

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