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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DESIGNATE THE
TWENTY-SIX-AND-FIFTY-SEVEN-HUNDREDTHS-ACRE PORTION OF THE
"RANCHITO GRANT" AND THE EXISTING
NINETY-SEVEN-AND-EIGHT-TENTHS-ACRE PARCEL AS THE CORONADO
STATE MONUMENT AND TO GRANT TO THE MUSEUM OF NEW MEXICO FULL
AND UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN THE PROPERTIES.

WHEREAS, on March 7, 1935, the commissioner of public
lands designated by proclamation the Coronado state monument
in Sandoval county; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 1935, President Franklin D.
Roosevelt granted to the board of regents of the university
of New Mexico, in accordance with the provisions of the act
of congress of August 19, 1935 (Public Law No. 35-284), a
patent issue for use for archaeological purposes of the land
on which Coronado state monument was located: lots seven,
eight and nine and the northwest quarter of Section 30,
Township 13 north, Range 4 east of the New Mexico principal
meridian containing two hundred eighteen and thirteen
one-hundredths of an acre; and

WHEREAS, the patent was issued upon the express
condition that if the university of New Mexico failed to use
those lands for the purposes provided or attempted to
alienate such lands, title to those lands shall revert to the

1 United States; and

2 WHEREAS, in the mid-1930s, Dr. Edgar Lee Hewett began an
3 extensive investigation and excavation of the Kuaua Pueblo
4 ruins located on the site; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1938 the Pueblo of Santa Ana informed the
6 state that the ongoing archaeological excavations were
7 extending onto a portion of its lands located on the eastern
8 side of the Coronado state monument and adjacent to the Rio
9 Grande, an area known as El Ranchito grant; and

10 WHEREAS, negotiations ensued between the university of
11 New Mexico and the Pueblo of Santa Ana to exchange lands and
12 permit the excavations to continue, and those negotiations
13 received the necessary congressional approvals; and

14 WHEREAS, the exchange proposal was eventually dropped
15 for unknown reasons; and

16 WHEREAS, on May 19, 1940, the Coronado state monument
17 was officially dedicated as part of the statewide celebration
18 of the Coronado cuarto centenario, the four-hundredth
19 anniversary of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado's expedition
20 into the southwest; and

21 WHEREAS, on October 1, 1943, the university of New
22 Mexico granted an undivided half-interest of the two hundred
23 eighteen and thirteen-hundredths acres through a
24 ninety-nine-year lease to the museum of New Mexico that
25 administered the Coronado state monument; and

1 WHEREAS, on February 24, 1971, the museum of New Mexico,
2 the university of New Mexico and the state parks commission
3 entered into an agreement to permit the establishment of a
4 state park on the southeastern part of the Coronado state
5 monument property adjacent to the Rio Grande; and

6 WHEREAS, on April 8, 1982, the Pueblo of Santa Ana sued
7 the university of New Mexico over the state park development,
8 which had extended onto a portion of its El Ranchito grant
9 property; and

10 WHEREAS, on November 12, 1985, the university of
11 New Mexico and the Pueblo of Santa Ana settled the trespass
12 dispute by agreeing to an exchange of lands in which the
13 pueblo exchanged a twenty-six-and-fifty-seven-hundredths-acre
14 portion of its El Ranchito grant for one hundred nineteen and
15 eighty-six hundredths acres of land belonging to the
16 university of New Mexico and the Coronado state monument on
17 the western edge of the Coronado state monument; and

18 WHEREAS, the twenty-six and fifty-seven hundredths acres
19 received in the exchange were not added to the boundary of
20 the Coronado state monument, and the university of New Mexico
21 did not grant to the museum of New Mexico an undivided
22 half-interest on the twenty-six and fifty-seven hundredths
23 acres despite the museum's collaboration in giving up its
24 undivided half-interest in the one hundred nineteen and
25 eighty-six hundredths acres exchanged with the Pueblo of

1 Santa Ana; and

2 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has expressed
3 interest in divesting itself of this
4 twenty-six-and-fifty-seven-hundredths-acre parcel of land
5 through a sale; and

6 WHEREAS, Coronado state monument and its principal
7 archaeological resource, the Kuaua Pueblo, should be declared
8 a state monument in its own right and not continue to exist
9 as a state monument under the existing lease agreement with
10 the university of New Mexico;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico be
13 requested to refrain from divesting itself of the
14 twenty-six-and-fifty-seven-hundredths-acre portion of
15 El Ranchito grant property for any commercial uses and that
16 the governor, through the authority vested in him, be
17 requested to designate the
18 twenty-six-and-fifty-seven-hundredths-acre portion of
19 El Ranchito grant property and the existing parcel of
20 ninety-seven and eight-tenths acres as the Coronado state
21 monument and further, that the university of New Mexico be
22 requested to grant to the museum of New Mexico its undivided
23 half-interest in the ninety-seven and eight-tenths acres in
24 order to protect and preserve its archaeological resources;
25 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the governor, the board of regents of the
3 university of New Mexico, the members of the New Mexico
4 congressional delegation, the secretary of the interior, the
5 director of the federal bureau of land management and the
6 secretary of cultural affairs. _____

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