

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
SUPPORT THE INCLUSION OF THE UNITING AMERICAN FAMILIES ACT IN
IMMIGRATION REFORM LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRTEENTH UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, preserving families and promoting family
reunification should be a cornerstone of the United States
immigration system; and

WHEREAS, American citizens should not be forced to
choose between their partners and their country; and

WHEREAS, the Uniting American Families Act would allow
Americans to keep their families together; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of United States fortune five
hundred companies are losing valued employees to foreign
competitors in more than twenty-five countries where laws
allow these families to be together; and

WHEREAS, current laws also affect small business owners,
some of whom have been forced to move their businesses abroad
in order to keep their families together, often taking
critical United States jobs with them; and

WHEREAS, granting gays and lesbians the ability to
sponsor their partners would end considerable heartbreak and
allow New Mexico and the United States to retain valuable
talent in all manner of occupations; and

WHEREAS, the Uniting American Families Act would allow United States businesses to recruit and retain the best and the brightest and allow Americans to keep their families together in the country they call home; and

WHEREAS, over two thousand five hundred faith leaders and organizations from all fifty states support the Uniting American Families Act; and

WHEREAS, the Uniting American Families Act enjoyed bipartisan support in the one hundred twelfth United States congress; and

WHEREAS, all New Mexicans deserve the chance to spend their lives with the persons they love;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that members of the New Mexico congressional delegation be urged to support the inclusion of the Uniting American Families Act in comprehensive immigration reform legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.