

1 A MEMORIAL

2 URGING CONGRESS TO PROHIBIT THE CREATION AND UTILIZATION OF A  
3 NATIONAL REGISTRY BASED ON RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

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5 WHEREAS, the first amendment to the United States  
6 constitution prohibits the government from establishing  
7 religion and secures to the people the freedom to worship in  
8 the manner of their choosing; and

9 WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 11 of the constitution of  
10 New Mexico provides that "Every man shall be free to worship  
11 God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and no  
12 person shall ever be molested or denied any civil or  
13 political right or privilege on account of his religious  
14 opinion or mode of religious worship. No person shall be  
15 required to attend any place of worship or support any  
16 religious sect or denomination; nor shall any preference be  
17 given by law to any religious denomination or mode of  
18 worship."; and

19 WHEREAS, the human rights laws of New Mexico and the  
20 United States protect individuals from being discriminated  
21 against by employers, including the federal and state  
22 governments, and in places of public accommodation on the  
23 basis of religion; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States is a signatory to the  
25 universal declaration of human rights, which sets out the

1 core principles of the rights of all humans, including the  
2 right to freedom of religion, to manifest religion or belief  
3 in teaching, practice, worship and observance and to equal  
4 protection of the law without any discrimination; and

5 WHEREAS, a national registry based on a specific  
6 religious affiliation is antithetical to the principle of  
7 religious freedom that is espoused in the founding documents  
8 of this great state and nation; and

9 WHEREAS, a registry that targets individuals based on  
10 their religion undermines this state's and this nation's  
11 commitment to human rights that are found in the anti-  
12 discrimination statutes and the universal declaration of  
13 human rights; and

14 WHEREAS, the one hundred-fourteenth congress considered  
15 a bill to prohibit the collection of information and the  
16 establishment of a registry for the purposes of classifying  
17 certain individuals on the basis of their religious  
18 affiliation;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United  
21 States congress be urged to prohibit the creation and  
22 utilization of a national registry based on religious  
23 affiliation of persons in the United States; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the governor and the New Mexico congressional

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