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A MEMORIAL

INVITING THE OUTDOOR RETAILER TRADE SHOW TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexicans' livelihoods are rooted in the state's open spaces; and

WHEREAS, families have long histories of using public lands for hiking, hunting, fishing and other outdoor traditions; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's vibrant and vast public lands are a vital part of the state's culture and economy; and

WHEREAS, New Mexicans share a love of the state's natural and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the federal bureau of land management oversees outdoor recreation and many other activities on more than thirteen million acres of public land in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands are diverse,

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encompassing the high deserts, rugged lava flows, deep canyons and badlands; and

WHEREAS, all of the bureau of land management public land is open for recreational use, and opportunities abound, including hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, horseback riding, off-road vehicle driving and much more; and

WHEREAS, the United States forest service manages the Carson, Coronado, Lincoln, Cibola, Gila, Apache-Sitgreaves and Santa Fe national forests and the Kiowa national grassland, which provide a great diversity of outdoor recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico boasts a wealth of majestic state parks, hiking and biking trails, naturally occurring bodies of water, world-class ski areas and other outdoor recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the enjoyment and protection of the state's great outdoors is among the pillars of New Mexico values; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico aggressively promotes the outdoor recreation activities available in the state through the multimillion dollar New Mexico true campaign of the tourism department; and

WHEREAS, the campaign seeks to focus on being authentic and true to New Mexico's people, landscapes and culture; and

WHEREAS, the outdoor recreation industry is one of the largest sources of economic growth in New Mexico, directly .207974.1

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supporting sixty-eight thousand jobs and providing more than four hundred fifty million dollars (\$450,000,000) in tax revenue and six billion one hundred million dollars (\$6,100,000,000) in consumer spending annually; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is proud to host outdoor recreation conventions and special events; and

WHEREAS, the outdoor retailer trade show, drawing approximately twenty-nine thousand attendees and creating direct spending of approximately forty-five million dollars (\$45,000,000), is soliciting bids for states to host its annual event; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is an ideal location for hosting the outdoor retailer trade show;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico enthusiastically invite the outdoor retailer trade show to locate in New Mexico, the land of enchantment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of tourism.

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