

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING NEW MEXICO FIRST RESPONDERS AND EXPRESSING
3 APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND BRAVERY.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexicans depend on state and local police
6 officers, sheriff's deputies, ambulance drivers,
7 firefighters, emergency medical technicians, volunteer
8 firefighters, dispatch operators and other public safety
9 first responders every day to keep them safe from harm; and

10 WHEREAS, maintenance crew members of the department of
11 transportation, coroners and medical examiners deal with the
12 tragedy of accidents and deaths every day; and

13 WHEREAS, the dedication, bravery and commitment to
14 public service displayed every day and night by these brave
15 men and women is unmatched; and

16 WHEREAS, first responder officers unselfishly risk their
17 lives to ensure protection of the rights, privileges,
18 property and safety of the people of New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, sworn to preserve peace, maintain order and
20 prevent and detect crime, first responders never know what
21 challenges and turns of events their days may bring; and

22 WHEREAS, first responders are highly trained and skilled
23 professionals who constantly upgrade their certifications and
24 credentials; and

25 WHEREAS, the character, determination and selflessness

1 of New Mexico's first responders serve as an inspiration to
2 all New Mexicans; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico's first responders do the jobs and
4 perform the tasks that most residents would never wish to do;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, first responders leave their families and loved
7 ones each day to put themselves in harm's way; and

8 WHEREAS, every New Mexican owes first responders a debt
9 of gratitude;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico first responders be
12 honored for the vital and challenging work they perform; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that appreciation be expressed
14 for the dedication and bravery of New Mexico first
15 responders; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the office of the attorney general, the
18 corrections department, the New Mexico sheriffs' association,
19 the New Mexico state police association, the New Mexico
20 municipal league, the bureau of Indian affairs police, the
21 office of the medical investigators, the department of
22 transportation and the council of university presidents. _____