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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE NEW MEXICO
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNITED
STATES CONGRESS TO FIX THE IMMIGRATION PROBLEM.

WHEREAS, Americans' concern with immigration continues to
be heightened, as twenty-three percent name it as the most
important problem facing the country, according to a 2019
Gallup poll; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States census bureau,
there were roughly forty-five million immigrants in the United
States in 2017, which is approximately fourteen percent of the
population; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of undocumented immigrants have been
living in the United States for ten or more years, and many
undocumented immigrants live with their children who are United

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1 States citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, the influx of people at the United States
3 southern border has increased, as many people are fleeing
4 violence and crime in their home countries; and

5 WHEREAS, even as immigration is acknowledged as one of the
6 nation's most pressing problems, Americans still view
7 immigration positively in general, according to the Gallup
8 poll; and

9 WHEREAS, the issue continues to challenge United States
10 lawmakers, as congress and presidents have been unable to enact
11 meaningful legislation and develop a plan for undocumented
12 immigrants living in the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, this indecision has created, and continues to
14 create, financial and political problems that the United States
15 must deal with;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the president
18 of the United States, the New Mexico congressional delegation
19 and all other members of the United States congress be urged to
20 fix the immigration problem; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be
22 urged to clearly address the immigration issue and find a
23 pathway for undocumented immigrants to gain United States
24 citizenship; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that undocumented immigrants who

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1 have records of violent crimes, drug trafficking or human
2 trafficking be determined ineligible to apply for citizenship;
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be
5 urged to address the current backlog of applications for
6 citizenship by undocumented immigrants and create ways to
7 expedite the application process; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal government be
9 urged to devise ways to secure United States borders to allow
10 the free flow of legal access while controlling illegal access
11 to United States borders and ports; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the president of the United States, members of
14 the New Mexico congressional delegation and all other members
15 of the United States congress.