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1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE ACEQUIA COMMISSION AND ITS WORK ON BEHALF OF
3 ACEQUIA COMMUNITIES.

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5 WHEREAS, acequia organizations and communities are
6 recognized for their embodiment of indigenous agricultural
7 knowledge, sustainable water management and enhanced
8 biodiversity creation; and

9 WHEREAS, acequia hydrology technology is the most
10 efficient and equitable model for the use of scarce natural
11 water resources in semi-arid natural environments; and

12 WHEREAS, acequia communities reflect the centuries-old
13 heritage values of Indo-Hispano cultural patrimony based on
14 the ideals of cooperation, sharing, mutual respect and natural
15 resource stewardship; and

16 WHEREAS, the acequia commission was created by executive
17 order in 1988 to advise the governor, the interstate stream
18 commission, the United States army corps of engineers and
19 other state natural resource management agencies on what
20 criteria should be used to determine priorities for
21 rehabilitating acequias under new federal funding programs;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, the acequia commission was established by
24 statute by the 1993 legislature as an eleven-member
25 commission, with members serving four-year terms; and

1 WHEREAS, the acequia commission is charged with the
2 duties of serving as advocate and facilitator for
3 communication between local acequia organizations and the
4 state and federal governments, reviewing plans or legislation
5 that affect acequias and presenting its findings to the
6 governor and the interstate stream commission; and

7 WHEREAS, acequia commission members are invested in and
8 capable of representing the acequia systems and communicating
9 the problematic issues and needs of acequia organizations;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the acequia commission be recognized
12 for its vital contribution to the welfare and continuity of
13 New Mexico's acequia communities and families and its
14 assistance through the years for representing the interests of
15 acequia systems before the office of the state engineer, the
16 governors of New Mexico, the legislature and assorted federal
17 and state agencies; and

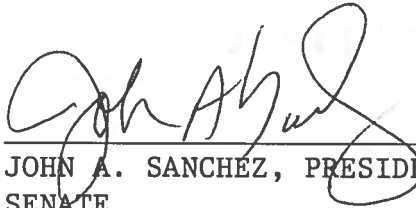
18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the governor, members of the New Mexico state
20 legislature, the chair of interstate stream commission, the
21 office of the state engineer and the United States army corps
22 of engineers.



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