

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO
3 ARRIBA COUNTY TRANSFER THE "ESCUELITA" BUILDING IN THE JUAN
4 BAUTISTA BALDEZ LAND GRANT-MERCED TO THAT LAND GRANT-MERCED
5 TO BE PART OF ITS COMMON LANDS AND USED AS A PUBLIC MEETING
6 PLACE AND FOR OTHER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

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8 WHEREAS, more than forty years ago, the elders of the
9 Juan Bautista Baldez land grant-merced constructed two
10 buildings for the children and youth of their community using
11 locally made adobe bricks and other local materials; and

12 WHEREAS, one of these buildings was used as a preschool
13 and the other as a recreation center; and

14 WHEREAS, it is unfortunate that only the preschool
15 building, known locally as the "escuelita", remains standing
16 as a cultural legacy from those community elders for the
17 benefit of future generations; and

18 WHEREAS, the escuelita was operated for many years by
19 the Jemez Mountain public school district; and

20 WHEREAS, more than twenty years ago, the escuelita
21 building was transferred from the Jemez Mountain public
22 school district to Rio Arriba county; and

23 WHEREAS, Rio Arriba county does not keep the escuelita
24 building open on a daily, year-round basis, and the building
25 is typically opened only at the specific request of someone

1 from the community for a specific event; and

2 WHEREAS, there are very limited facilities in or near
3 the Juan Bautista Baldez land grant-merced that are available
4 as public meeting spaces; and

5 WHEREAS, there are several political subdivisions or
6 special districts of the state and public service
7 organizations within or that work in the Juan Bautista Baldez
8 land grant-merced, including a mutual domestic water
9 association, two acequias, the Canones early childhood
10 center, two grazing associations and the land grant itself;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of
13 county commissioners of Rio Arriba county be requested to
14 transfer the escuelita building in the Juan Bautista Baldez
15 land grant-merced to that land grant-merced to be part of its
16 common lands and used as a public meeting place and for other
17 services to the community; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of Rio Arriba
20 county, the board of directors of the Juan Bautista Baldez
21 land grant-merced and the land grant council. _____

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