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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
EQUALITY NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the coalition for human rights in New Mexico
was created for the well-being of all lesbian, gay, bisexual
and transgender individuals in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, a group of New Mexicans transitioned
from the coalition for human rights to create a statewide
organization with the goal of equality for all lesbian, gay,
bisexual and transgender individuals; and

WHEREAS, the coalition for human rights in New Mexico
revised the organization's name to equality New Mexico and
has educated legislators, educators, government department
staff and residents across the state about the lives of
lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and persistence of advocates,
allies and legislators over fourteen years, starting in 1989,
amended the Human Rights Act to offer protections for
lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in
New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the actions of equality New Mexico ensured that
New Mexico would respect and validate same-sex marriages; and

WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has advocated for lesbian,
gay, bisexual and transgender seniors and elders in

1 New Mexico, their safety as they age and their unique health
2 care needs; and

3 WHEREAS, three decades of continued advocacy for
4 equity and the liberation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and
5 transgender New Mexicans has been instrumental in passing the
6 Safe Schools for All Students Act; and

7 WHEREAS, the work of equality New Mexico was also
8 instrumental in passing the Gender-Free Restrooms Act; and

9 WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has worked with others to
10 repeal harmful conversion therapy legislation and to defeat
11 anti-transgender legislation; and

12 WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
13 New Mexicans and their families have benefited from the
14 ongoing efforts of equality New Mexico;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the thirtieth anniversary of the
17 founding of equality New Mexico be commemorated; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 transmitted to equality New Mexico. _____

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