

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS AND THE STATE  
3 LAND OFFICE TO STUDY THE BENEFITS OF A LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE  
4 NAVAJO NATION.

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6 WHEREAS, the commissioner of public lands has issued a  
7 lease to the division of transportation of the Navajo Nation  
8 for eighty-five and sixty-eight hundredths acres of state  
9 trust land near the community of Tse Bonito in McKinley  
10 county, upon which the division of transportation is  
11 constructing a transportation center, consisting of office  
12 buildings, a parking lot and a road maintenance yard and  
13 support facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, it may be in the best interests of the Navajo  
15 Nation to own the land upon which the transportation center  
16 is to be located rather than to lease the land from the  
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, the Enabling Act trust, administered by the  
19 commissioner of public lands, might materially benefit from a  
20 land exchange in which the state, through the commissioner of  
21 public lands, conveys to the Navajo Nation the land now  
22 leased by the division of transportation of the Navajo Nation  
23 and the Navajo Nation conveys to the state, for the benefit  
24 of the Enabling Act trust, non-reservation lands that can be  
25 used more productively by the state land office and its

1 authorized users;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commissioner of public lands and  
4 the state land office be requested to conduct a review and  
5 analysis of the lease of state trust land to the division of  
6 transportation of the Navajo Nation; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the analysis address the  
8 possibilities for a land exchange in which the state conveys  
9 to the Navajo Nation the land now leased by its division of  
10 transportation and the Navajo Nation conveys to the state  
11 non-reservation lands of equal or greater value that can be  
12 used more productively by the state land office and its  
13 authorized users; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of public  
15 lands and the state land office be requested to work  
16 collaboratively with the division of transportation of the  
17 Navajo Nation to identify non-reservation lands of equal or  
18 greater appraised value than the lands now leased by the  
19 division of transportation that might be conveyed to the  
20 state in exchange for the state trust lands now leased by the  
21 division of transportation; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the commissioner of public lands. \_\_\_\_\_

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