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52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO NEGOTIATE WITH NEW MEXICO
AND REPRESENTATIVES OF DISPLACED LAND GRANT HEIRS FOR THE
RETURN OF LAND GRANTS.

WHEREAS, the history of federal implementation of the
Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo has resulted in some land grant
heirs being displaced or forced off their land and some land
grant heirs being disenfranchised; that is, they still reside
on their land grant but have been denied the benefits of title;
and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the New Mexico attorney general reviewed
and responded to inequities in the legal conclusions and
reasoning of the federal general accounting office 2004 report
on land grants; and

WHEREAS, current claims for land grant lands were made to

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1 President Barack Obama in a June 2009 letter expressing support
2 for the return of land grants to displaced heirs; and

3 WHEREAS, a meeting held on June 15, 2010 between the
4 United States bureau of land management and land grant heirs
5 was part of an initiative for heirs to regain legal title to
6 land grant property;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that the federal government be requested to begin
9 negotiations with New Mexico and land grant boards of trustees
10 and commissioners and the land grant council for the return of
11 land grants to displaced and disenfranchised heirs; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to President Barack Obama and the New Mexico
14 congressional delegation.