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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH AND THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT REDUCE CONFLICTS BETWEEN WOLVES AND LIVESTOCK AND TO SEEK WAYS TO PROVIDE INTERDICTION AND COMPENSATION TO AFFECTED PARTIES WHO HAVE SUFFERED ECONOMIC AND OTHER LOSSES AS A RESULT OF THE FEDERAL MEXICAN GRAY WOLF RECOVERY PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Mexican gray wolf recovery program has resulted in uncompensated takings, which have had an ~~negative~~ impact on local governments, schools, livestock owners and other residents of New Mexico, ~~resulting in millions of dollars in uncompensated economic and other losses;~~ and

WHEREAS, federal funds have been allocated by the congress of the United States for interdiction and compensation to livestock owners for depredation and other losses associated

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1 WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the state of New Mexico and
2 the federal government to compensate livestock producers for
3 depredation losses in accordance with a formula that provides
4 equitable reimbursement for livestock depredation losses,
5 including the real value of livestock, which includes the value
6 of an animal plus future revenue losses associated with the
7 loss of the animal; increased management costs; opportunity
8 costs; and reduced value of the ranch;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of game and fish and
11 the United States fish and wildlife service, in consultation
12 with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and New Mexico
13 State University, be requested to take proactive measures to
14 reduce conflicts between wolves and livestock and to seek
15 measures to compensate livestock producers for depredation
16 losses in accordance with a formula that provides equitable
17 reimbursement for livestock depredation losses, including the
18 real value of livestock, increased management costs,
19 opportunity costs and reduced value of the ranch; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to New Mexico's congressional delegation, the
23 regional director of the United States fish and wildlife
24 service, the governor and the director of the department of
25 game and fish.