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**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO  
INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF STATE INCENTIVES FOR  
COMMERCIALIZATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

WHEREAS, hemp is an ancient source of material for fiber  
and other commercial products; and

WHEREAS, hemp requires less water than conventional crops;  
and

WHEREAS, agriculture is a critical component of New  
Mexico's economy; and

WHEREAS, the world market for products derived from  
industrial hemp is a potential opportunity for New Mexico  
agricultural producers to diversify and augment the state's  
agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, economic conditions require innovation and

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1 experimentation with alternative crops and value-added  
2 technologies; and

3 WHEREAS, legal, technical and financial obstacles must be  
4 overcome if industrial hemp is to become a viable commercial  
5 crop in New Mexico;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
7 OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico department of agriculture be  
8 requested to investigate the feasibility of state incentives  
9 for the commercialization of industrial hemp in New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico department of  
11 agriculture report its findings and recommendations to the  
12 appropriate interim committee of the legislature by December 1,  
13 2009; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congress be requested to  
15 acknowledge the difference between marijuana and industrial  
16 hemp and to clearly legalize the commercial production of  
17 industrial hemp; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of  
20 agriculture and to the New Mexico congressional delegation.