

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

8 WHEREAS, hemp requires less water than conventional
9 crops; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, economic conditions require innovation and
17 experimentation with alternative crops and value-added
18 technologies; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico department of
24 agriculture be requested to investigate the feasibility of
25 state incentives for the commercialization of industrial hemp

1 in New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico department of
3 agriculture report its findings and recommendations to the
4 appropriate interim committee of the legislature by December
5 1, 2009; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congress be requested to
7 acknowledge the difference between marijuana and industrial
8 hemp and to clearly legalize the commercial production of
9 industrial hemp; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of
12 agriculture and to the New Mexico congressional delegation.==

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