

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO  
12 DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM OF EDUCATION, AWARENESS  
13 AND SUPPORT GROUPS CONCERNING THE ISSUE OF PROSTATE CANCER.

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15 WHEREAS, approximately one thousand two hundred New  
16 Mexico men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer each year;  
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18 WHEREAS, nearly two hundred New Mexico men will die every  
19 year from this disease; and

20 WHEREAS, the risk of being diagnosed with prostate cancer  
21 is highest among the older adult male population; and

22 WHEREAS, twenty-five-year time trends provided by the New  
23 Mexico tumor registry show a pattern of rising incidence of  
24 and mortality due to prostate cancer; and

25 WHEREAS, prostate cancer is second only to lung cancer as  
the most common cancer killer of men; and

WHEREAS, efforts toward education of New Mexico men about  
prostate cancer and support for the men in this state with the  
disease are in their infancy;

