

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF APRIL 19 TO APRIL 25, 2004 "TELEVISION TURN OFF WEEK" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe public school district and various community organizations are committed to the health and well-being of New Mexico's citizens; and

WHEREAS, individuals have the right and the responsibility to determine the role television plays in their lives and should balance television-watching with other activities that encourage positive family and community interaction; and

WHEREAS, many individuals and organizations in Santa Fe and in other New Mexico communities, including educators, clergy, business professionals, health care providers, environmentalists and artists, recognize that television contributes to social and health problems within society; and

WHEREAS, reduced television-watching leads to healthier living through decreases in violence, substance abuse, unrealistic sexual attitudes and obesity and through improved literacy; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 19 to April 25, 2004 is designated as national "Television Turn Off Week"; and

WHEREAS, participants in "Television Turn Off Week" may engage in a broad range of television-free activities that foster greater social, physical, academic and creative development, resulting in an improved quality of life for individuals and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor proclaim the week of April 19 to April 25, 2004 "Television Turn Off Week" in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor.