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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT STATE AGENCIES EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF
CONVERTING STATE PROPERTIES FOR USE AS DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT
FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing a drug and health
crisis due to the manufacture of methamphetamine in our state;
and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine manufacture and use have expanded
by more than two hundred percent in recent years; and

WHEREAS, there are currently seventy-four state-operated
beds for drug abuse treatment in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, due to staffing limitations, only sixty-four of
those beds are actually operational; and

WHEREAS, while many drug addicts are incarcerated for
crimes they committed to support their addiction, incarceration

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1 alone will not solve the problems that fuel their addiction;
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3 WHEREAS, New Mexico must examine methods to expand the
4 availability of state-operated drug treatment facilities;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the human
7 services department be requested to examine the feasibility of
8 converting underutilized or vacant state properties for use as
9 drug abuse treatment facilities; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the secretary of health and the secretary of
12 human services.