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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT
12 GIVE GRANDPARENTS FIRST PRIORITY IN DETERMINING WHO SHOULD HAVE
13 CUSTODY OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS HAVE PUT THEM UP FOR
14 ADOPTION.

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16 WHEREAS, many children are put up for adoption in New
17 Mexico by their parents because of financial difficulties,
18 abusive living situations and other extenuating circumstances;
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20 WHEREAS, these children deserve no less loving and caring
21 homes than other children in New Mexico; and

22 WHEREAS, capable grandparents would be the logical choice
23 to take custody of these children when their parents are unable
24 to adequately provide for them financially and emotionally; and

25 WHEREAS, many grandparents would be in a position to

1 provide the loving and caring homes that these children
2 deserve; and

3 WHEREAS, many grandparents would be eager to take custody
4 of their own grandchildren if they were given priority in the
5 custody process by the children, youth and families department;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
8 department be requested to give grandparents first priority
9 when determining who should have custody of children whose
10 parents have put them up for adoption; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families.

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