

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZE THE ISSUE OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND ENDORSE THE VIEWING OF *GARY AND THE ANGELS* TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THIS SYNDROME AND THAT STATE AGENCIES WORK WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES TO TAKE TANGIBLE STEPS TO END FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME.

WHEREAS, fetal alcohol syndrome is a chronic yet preventable problem and education is the best tool for prevention; and

WHEREAS, the film *Gary and the Angels* is based on the life of a Gallup resident, Gary Murphy, who lives with fetal alcohol syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the film is available to educational, public and private sector institutions for viewing and can bring about awareness to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, the human services department, the children, youth and families department and the public education department be requested to promote the viewing of *Gary and the Angels* to encourage the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health,

the human services department, the children, youth and families department and the public education department be requested to direct staff to become directly involved in facilitating the viewing of *Gary and the Angels*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that educational facilities and private sector entities be requested to promote the viewing of *Gary and the Angels* to encourage the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health, the human services department, the children, youth and families department and the public education department report their progress in encouraging the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome to the interim legislative health and human services committee by November 1, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretaries of health, human services, children, youth and families and public education and to the chair of the interim legislative health and human services committee.