

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 34

2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND
12 PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT COORDINATE AN EFFORT TO BETTER
13 PUBLICIZE THE SAFE HAVEN FOR INFANTS ACT.

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15 WHEREAS, abandonment of a newborn infant is a tragic
16 occurrence; and

17 WHEREAS, such a tragedy is totally unnecessary in New
18 Mexico since state law allows a person to surrender an infant
19 to a hospital or health care clinic without fear of
20 prosecution; and

21 WHEREAS, every effort should be made by the state to
22 protect unwanted infants from unsafe abandonment by providing
23 posters or other information at schools, hospitals, health care
24 clinics and any other appropriate locations;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
2 department and the public education department be requested to
3 work together to improve publicity about the Safe Haven for
4 Infants Act; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agencies collaborate with
6 the statewide associations of primary care physicians,
7 hospitals, health care clinics and family planning
8 organizations for disseminating the materials developed; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families
11 and the secretary of public education.

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