

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 HEALTH AND DONA ANA COUNTY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF  
4 LOCATING A SATELLITE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY IN DONA ANA  
5 COUNTY.

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7 WHEREAS, nonviolent misdemeanor detainees who are  
8 construed to be mentally ill do not belong incarcerated in  
9 corrections facilities; and

10 WHEREAS, such detainees who are without family or  
11 individual resources cannot be released into the public  
12 population but need shelter, medication and assessment outside  
13 of the criminal justice system; and

14 WHEREAS, the only alternative currently available is to  
15 place the individuals in the New Mexico behavioral health  
16 institute at Las Vegas; and

17 WHEREAS, there is a need to locate a behavioral health  
18 facility in the southern part of New Mexico that could provide  
19 crisis triage, a mobile crisis team and pretrial services to  
20 nonviolent detainees who appear to be mentally ill; and

21 WHEREAS, the existing medical center property in Dona  
22 Ana county could be expanded to serve as a behavioral health  
23 satellite facility;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department, the

1 department of health and Dona Ana county be requested to  
2 study the feasibility of locating a satellite behavioral  
3 health facility in Dona Ana county and report their findings  
4 and recommendations to the second session of the forty-eighth  
5 legislature; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the human services department, the department  
8 of health and the board of county commissioners for Dona Ana  
9 county.

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