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10	A MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO CONTINUE
12	THE TASK FORCE ON OBSTETRIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LIABILITY
13	INSURANCE.
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15	WHEREAS, there is a continuing crisis in obstetric health
16	care access because malpractice premiums for all types of
17	health care providers, including certified nurse-midwives,
18	primary care physicians and obstetricians, are escalating; and
19	WHEREAS, those escalating costs threaten access to
20	childbirth services, especially in underserved and rural areas
21	where certified nurse-midwives provide many services; and
22	WHEREAS, one-third of all vaginal births in New Mexico are
23	delivered by certified nurse-midwives; and
24	WHEREAS, various task forces have been working to find
25	solutions to this problem for three years;
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit its findings and recommendations by October 2008 to the legislative health and human services committee, the legislative finance committee and the office of the governor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico health policy commission and the chair of the legislative health and human services committee.

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