SENATE MEMORIAL 26

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008**

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A MEMORIAL

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTIVE

CLINICS; COMMENDING LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR ITS WORK TO END THE

VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, since January 22, 1973, the right to a safe and

legal abortion has been the law in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States congress passed the Freedom of

Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1994 in May 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, there were four hundred seventy-four

incidents of violence directed at abortion clinics nationally;

and

WHEREAS, there have been one hundred seventy-four

incidents of arson and ninety-four incidents of attempted arson

directed at abortion clinics in the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS, there have been one thousand three hundred six

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1    incidents of vandalism on abortion clinics in the last thirty

2    years; and

3        WHEREAS, abortion clinics in Albuquerque have been the

4    target of arson in March 1999, May 1999 and more recently, in

5    December 2007; and

6        WHEREAS, the December 6, 2007 arson of an Albuquerque

7    abortion clinic destroyed the clinic; and

8        WHEREAS, the violence continued on December 25, 2007 when

9    there was an arson attempt on another Albuquerque abortion

10   clinic; and

11       WHEREAS, also on December 25, 2007, a contraceptive clinic

12   in Albuquerque was vandalized;

13       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

14   OF NEW MEXICO that violence directed at abortion or

15   contraceptive clinics shall never be tolerated in the state of

16   New Mexico; and

17       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the federal, state and local

18   law enforcement agencies be commended on their collaboration

19   and quick response in arresting two of the suspects in the

20   December violence; and

21       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state support the

22   continued collaboration of all law enforcement agencies leading

23   to the arrest, indictment and prosecution of these and any

24   future suspects; and

25       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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transmitted to the governor and to the department of public

safety for distribution to appropriate federal, state and local

law enforcement agencies.

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