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HOUSE MEMORIAL 43

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN
CONSULTATION WITH AREA AGENCIES ON AGING AND OTHERS TO DEVELOP
A PLAN THAT REFLECTS A BUSINESS MODEL OF OPERATION FOR FEDERAL
OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965 AND RELATED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, according to United States census data, New
Mexico is projected to move from thirty-ninth in the nation to
fourth in the nation in the percent of the population over the
age of sixty-five within the next fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2010, New Mexico is expected to
exceed national trends, both with greater decreases in the
population of those younger than age forty-four and increases
in the population of people older than age forty-five; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of chronic illness and risk factors
for conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, obesity and cancer

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1 are expected to continue to grow among the next generation of
2 older people; and

3 WHEREAS, instances of abuse, neglect and exploitation of
4 vulnerable elderly and disabled populations are on the rise;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, public and private information to assist elderly
7 and disabled consumers to make increasingly complex decisions
8 and choices about medical treatments, health plans, living
9 situations and long-term care service options will become
10 increasingly important in the next decade; and

11 WHEREAS, the current array of, and the anticipated future
12 demand for, services and activities available in senior centers
13 does not reflect the changing social demographic among retirees
14 and baby boomers; and

15 WHEREAS, the aging network represented by area agencies on
16 aging and senior centers in New Mexico recognizes the need to
17 modify the model of service provision to reflect the more
18 complex, emerging picture of aging and disability needs in the
19 state; and

20 WHEREAS, the aging and long-term services department
21 supports the aging network and seeks to ensure the provision of
22 a continuum of coordinated services;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the aging and
25 long-term services department be requested to work together

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1 with area agencies on aging and others to develop a plan that
2 reflects a business model of operation for the federal Older
3 Americans Act of 1965 and related programs and services; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan utilize cost-sharing,
5 streamline and integrate programs and services and leverage all
6 appropriate federal, state and local resources on a regional
7 basis; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aging and long-term
9 services department, together with area agencies on aging,
10 report on progress toward development of this plan to the
11 interim legislative health and human services committee no
12 later than October 2010; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of aging and long-term services
15 and to designated representatives of area agencies on aging.

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