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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO ASSESS THE BENEFITS OF UTILIZING MY COMMUNITY NM AS THE STATE'S COMPREHENSIVE, BILINGUAL INVENTORY OF RESOURCES FOR UNDERSERVED NEW MEXICANS.

WHEREAS, many New Mexico organizations maintain resource inventories to serve their constituencies; and

WHEREAS, the multiple efforts to collect and maintain resource information is costly in dollars and staff time; and

WHEREAS, duplicative efforts have produced many underfunded, incomplete and out-of-date inventories; and

WHEREAS, My Community NM is the state's only bilingual, interagency, on-line resource inventory; and

WHEREAS, My Community NM has been developed by a number of nonprofit organizations to reduce the cost and improve the

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1 quality of the information they provide to their
2 constituencies; and

3 WHEREAS, My Community NM currently serves a wide range of
4 nonprofit organizations providing services to New Mexicans,
5 including four community health councils funded by the
6 department of health, the office of the governor's council on
7 women's health, the New Mexico coalition to end homelessness,
8 the Kiwanis club of Albuquerque, the university of New Mexico
9 health sciences center office of community affairs and pathways
10 program, la plaza de encuentro and la comunidad habla; and

11 WHEREAS, My Community NM has resulted in a cost-effective,
12 flexible, consumer-friendly system that is accessible to
13 English- and Spanish-speakers with very limited computer
14 literacy skills; and

15 WHEREAS, My Community NM collects the wide range of
16 resource information needed by at-risk New Mexicans, including
17 health, social services, food, income support, transportation,
18 legal, education and job-training resources; and

19 WHEREAS, the department of health currently supports a
20 number of community initiatives, such as county- and tribal-
21 based community health planning councils, which have the task
22 of collecting and distributing resource information that
23 at-risk New Mexicans need; and

24 WHEREAS, My Community NM can be used by individual
25 community members and by members of the health care delivery

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1 system, most notably community health workers; community health
2 representatives; and *promotoras*, who help underserved
3 individuals and families identify and access health and human
4 services;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
7 of health be requested to establish a task force to assess the
8 benefits of the possibility of using My Community NM as the
9 state's comprehensive, bilingual inventory of resources for
10 underserved New Mexicans; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
12 representatives from the following organizations: the
13 children, youth and families department; the Indian affairs
14 department; the office of the governor's council on women's
15 health; the New Mexico coalition to end homelessness; the
16 Bernalillo county community health council youth coalition
17 initiative; the Bernalillo county community health council; the
18 children's cabinet; la comunidad habla; the Kiwanis club of
19 Albuquerque; la plaza de encuentro; the Sandoval county
20 community health alliance; the Sierra health council; southwest
21 creations collaborative; the university of New Mexico health
22 sciences center office of community affairs and pathways
23 program; and the Valencia community partnership; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
25 assess the potential of My Community NM in the following

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1 respects:

2 A. its use as a statewide resource inventory,
3 including the inventory's direct and indirect cost savings,
4 its greater resource information and its accessibility by
5 at-risk populations with low computer literacy skills; and

6 B. its ability to provide users with the
7 opportunity to make regular resource information updates; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider
9 potential financing mechanisms for My Community NM; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the lieutenant governor; the secretary of
12 children, youth and families; the secretary of Indian affairs;
13 the executive director of the office of the governor's council
14 on women's health; the executive director of the New Mexico
15 coalition to end homelessness; the Bernalillo county community
16 health council youth coalition coordinator; the coordinator of
17 the Bernalillo county community health council; the director of
18 la comunidad habla; the president of the Kiwanis club of
19 Albuquerque; the director of la plaza de encuentro; the
20 executive administrator of the Sandoval county community health
21 alliance; the chair of the board of the Sierra health council;
22 the president of the board of southwest creations
23 collaborative; the director of the office of community affairs
24 at the university of New Mexico health sciences center; and the
25 coordinator of the Valencia community partnership.

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