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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS DATABASE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND SHARING OF AGGREGATE DATA ON NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS WITH RESEARCHERS STATEWIDE AND WORLDWIDE.

WHEREAS, neurological disorders are conditions that occur in the brain, spine and the nerves that connect them; and

WHEREAS, neurological disorders include more than six hundred diseases, including brain tumors, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and stroke as well as less familiar conditions such as oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophy; and

WHEREAS, scientists worldwide, including scientists in New Mexico, are doing important research on neurological disorders; and

WHEREAS, neurological databases store only data at the

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1 aggregate level, protecting personal health information from
2 unauthorized disclosure; and

3 WHEREAS, when neurological disorder researchers are able
4 to study the types and incidence of neurological disorders
5 through interconnected databases, they are able to make
6 breakthroughs in their knowledge regarding the identification
7 and treatment of these neurological disorders;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
9 OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of health be requested to
10 provide for the establishment of a neurological disorders
11 database at the department of health; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the neurological disorders
13 database at the department of health receive data relating to
14 neurological disorders occurring in New Mexico; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
16 requested to share and receive aggregate data on neurological
17 disorders with neurological disorder researchers statewide and
18 worldwide; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the governor and to the secretary of health.