A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION TO CONVENE
A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND POLICIES TO IMPROVE
SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking face extreme danger when they escape from their traffickers; and

WHEREAS, an escaped victim of human trafficking has immediate needs, including shelter, transportation and medical services; and

WHEREAS, current work to support victims of human trafficking is being undertaken, in collaboration with the United States department of justice, by a task force convened by the New Mexico office of the attorney general in cooperation with the life link in Santa Fe and by the New Mexico tribal task force on human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, additionally, Bernalillo county has developed long-range plans to provide shelter and other services for victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, because of the complexity of many trafficking victims' experiences, the successful treatment of victims of human trafficking often includes delivery of services with a high level of clinical sophistication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the crime

victims reparation commission be requested to convene a task force on human trafficking to collaborate with the task force convened by the New Mexico office of the attorney general and with the New Mexico tribal task force on human trafficking to develop strategies and policies to fulfill and improve services for victims of human trafficking throughout the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include members with expertise in human trafficking, service to victims of human trafficking, advocacy and policy development for victims of human trafficking and issues affecting Native American and immigrant populations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to present to the legislative health and human services committee and the appropriate legislative interim committee dealing with courts, corrections and justice issues a report on the progress of its work on or before December 1, 2018 and to present a final report on its work, including any proposed legislation, on or before December 1, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the director of the crime victims reparation commission and to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council.

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