

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 15

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE
12 EFFICACY OF NAPRAPATHIC MEDICINE IN ACUTE AND CHRONIC PAIN
13 MANAGEMENT.

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15 WHEREAS, naprapathic medicine has been practiced for over
16 one hundred years to treat pain; and

17 WHEREAS, naprapaths are connective tissue specialists who
18 use a hands-on approach to treat ligaments, tendons and fascia
19 to facilitate spinal alignment without the use of drugs; and

20 WHEREAS, traditional modalities to treat pain may not
21 always provide relief to individuals living with acute and
22 chronic pain; and

23 WHEREAS, there is currently an epidemic of opioid
24 dependence in New Mexico and nationwide arising from the use
25 and misuse of opioids to treat acute and chronic pain; and

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1 WHEREAS, the opioid dependence epidemic has cost the state
2 and nation many thousands of lives, compelling the search for
3 alternatives to prescription and illicit drug use to treat
4 acute and chronic pain; and

5 WHEREAS, peer-reviewed research, published in *The Clinical*
6 *Journal of Pain*, has demonstrated that naprapathy is clinically
7 effective in treating back and neck pain; and

8 WHEREAS, naprapathic medicine presents opportunities for
9 patients to live free from pain or with reduced pain and free
10 from the threat of dependence on dangerously addictive
11 substances; and

12 WHEREAS, it is important to provide individuals suffering
13 from acute and chronic pain with every avenue available that
14 can provide relief from their pain; and

15 WHEREAS, for many years, many New Mexicans have been
16 experiencing pain relief through naprapathic medicine;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested
19 to conduct a study, in cooperation with the southwest
20 university of naprapathic medicine, of the benefits of
21 naprapathic medicine in acute and chronic pain management; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
23 requested to present its study to the legislative health and
24 human services committee on or before December 1, 2018; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the secretary of health, the chair and vice
2 chair of the legislative health and human services committee
3 and the president of the southwest university of naprapathic
4 medicine.

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