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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO EXPLORE METHODS TO REINSTATE AND SUPPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences education is a field of study that focuses on families, work and their interrelationships; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico family and consumer sciences educators foster creativity in students and teach them to work effectively in teams to solve personal, family, community and

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real-world issues; and

WHEREAS, those educators engage students in relevant, hands-on strategies and reinforce principles of planning, managing and research; and

WHEREAS, family and consumer sciences courses encourage students to act responsibly and productively and become contributing members of society; and

WHEREAS, middle school family and consumer sciences curricula are designed to address current and extremely pressing issues that affect the well-being of New Mexico's children; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico family and consumer sciences educators actively promote and develop science, computer literacy, engineering and mathematics literacy skills in youth, including critical thinking, reasoning and problem solving; and

WHEREAS, middle school family and consumer sciences programs enhance a student's knowledge in science with components focused on the global environment, food and nutritional sciences, safety and sanitation for cleaner environments and instruction on food borne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, middle school family and consumer sciences programs include computer literacy components focused on the use of computer-enhanced kitchen equipment, use of high-technology machines, computer presentations and other technology applications; and

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WHEREAS, those programs also include engineering components involving interior design, home and kitchen design, textile design and manufacturing and product development and packaging; and

WHEREAS, the programs include mathematics components, including food weight and measurement, personal finances and fitness, family budgeting and taxes and algebra and geometry in fashion design; and

WHEREAS, middle school family and consumer sciences programs teach career exploration skills, including leadership, employability, team building, communication and time management skills; and

WHEREAS, middle schools with family and consumer sciences programs prepare young adults for healthy, sustainable and successful careers; and

Hf1→WHEREAS, middle school career and technical education programs will qualify for Perkins V federal funding from the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act through the public education department in the school year 2020-2021; and←Hf1

WHEREAS, those programs are important in helping students build a strong foundation for employability, healthy relationships and vital life skills;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be

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requested to explore methods to reinstate and support middle school family and consumer sciences programs in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education department be encouraged to inform superintendents and middle school principals of the necessity for these programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by December 1, 2019, the secretary of public education be requested to report to the legislative education study committee recommendations to reinforce and support middle school family and consumer science programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public education, the board of directors of the New Mexico association of family and consumer sciences Hf1→and ,←Hf1 the New Mexico school superintendents' association Hf1→and the New Mexico school boards association←Hf1.