

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO BRAIN AND
3 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INSTITUTE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE
4 NEURO-ACUPUNCTURE INSTITUTE TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF
5 ACUPUNCTURE AND NEURO-ACUPUNCTURE AS A MODALITY THAT MAY
6 SOLVE MANY OF THE NEUROLOGICAL ISSUES FACING NEW MEXICANS.
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8 WHEREAS, New Mexico is known for its use and acceptance
9 of alternative healing modalities, including acupuncture; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico is known for its innovative spirit
11 and use of cutting-edge technology; and

12 WHEREAS, acupuncture has been a foundational part of
13 eastern medicine for more than three thousand years; and

14 WHEREAS, neurological disorders affect thousands of
15 New Mexicans; and

16 WHEREAS, cerebrovascular accidents, also known as
17 strokes, are a major cause of neurological impairment,
18 affecting more than seven hundred ninety-five thousand people
19 in the United States each year; and

20 WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is a major cause of
21 neurological impairment, currently affecting more than
22 one million people in the United States; and

23 WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is a major cause of
24 neurological impairment, affecting more than one million
25 five hundred thousand people in the United States each year

1 with two hundred thirty thousand hospitalizations, according
2 to data from the federal centers for disease control and
3 prevention; and

4 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a major cause
5 of neurological impairment, affecting more than two and
6 three-tenths percent of the population in the United States;
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8 WHEREAS, the Parkinson's foundation reports that
9 Parkinson's disease is a major cause of neurological
10 impairment, with new cases affecting more than ninety
11 thousand people in the United States each year and an
12 estimated one million United States residents living with
13 this disease; and

14 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a major cause of
15 neurological impairment, with more than six million people
16 living with this disorder in the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known
18 as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a major cause of neurological
19 impairment, with new cases affecting more than five thousand
20 people in the United States each year; and

21 WHEREAS, many western medicine techniques have failed to
22 find medical solutions to the most pervasive and costly
23 neurological diseases; and

24 WHEREAS, the use of advanced acupuncture techniques
25 developed in New Mexico, called neuro-acupuncture, merge

1 eastern acupuncture with western neurology and can provide
2 improvement for many neurological ailments; and

3 WHEREAS, the neuro-acupuncture institute, a
4 New Mexico-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was
5 founded in Santa Fe to teach next-generation acupuncturists
6 the advanced techniques and neurologists the opportunities
7 and value of neuro-acupuncture in providing relief and
8 medical improvement for multiple neurological diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has established
10 the biomedical research and integrative neuroimaging center
11 to study neurological disease and innovative solutions to
12 brain function recovery; and

13 WHEREAS, the study of impacts and improved techniques
14 that use neuro-acupuncture to solve neurological ailments
15 would be informative;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico brain
18 and behavioral health institute, the department of health and
19 the neuro-acupuncture institute be requested to study the
20 health effects of acupuncture and neuro-acupuncture as a
21 modality that may solve many of the neurological issues
22 facing New Mexicans; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
24 requested to collaborate with neuro-acupuncture professionals
25 and the neuro-acupuncture institute to study impacts and

1 improved techniques that use neuro-acupuncture to solve
2 neurological ailments; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
4 brain and behavioral health institute be requested to work
5 with the neuro-acupuncture institute to study ways to provide
6 opportunities for clinical demonstrations and techniques
7 where functional magnetic resonance imaging technology is
8 used to assess before and after results and impacts on
9 patients receiving neuro-acupuncture treatment for the
10 diseases cited; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
12 brain and behavioral health institute, the department of
13 health and the neuro-acupuncture institute be requested to
14 report their findings and conclusions to the interim
15 legislative health and human services committee by
16 October 1, 2023; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the co-directors of the university of
19 New Mexico brain and behavioral health institute, the
20 secretary of health, the chair of the neuro-acupuncture
21 institute and the chair of the legislative health and human
22 services committee. _____