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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO BRAIN AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INSTITUTE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE NEURO-ACUPUNCTURE INSTITUTE TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF ACUPUNCTURE AND NEURO-ACUPUNCTURE AS A MODALITY THAT MAY SOLVE MANY OF THE NEUROLOGICAL ISSUES FACING NEW MEXICANS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is known for its use and acceptance of alternative healing modalities, including acupuncture; and

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

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

WHEREAS, neurological disorders affect thousands of New Mexicans; and

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

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

7 WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is a major cause of
8 neurological impairment, affecting more than one million five
9 hundred thousand people in the United States each year with two
10 hundred thirty thousand hospitalizations, according to data
11 from the federal centers for disease control and prevention;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a major cause of
14 neurological impairment, affecting more than two and three-
15 tenths percent of the population in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the Parkinson's foundation reports that
17 Parkinson's disease is a major cause of neurological
18 impairment, with new cases affecting more than ninety thousand
19 people in the United States each year and an estimated one
20 million United States residents living with this disease; and

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

24 WHEREAS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as
25 Lou Gehrig's disease, is a major cause of neurological

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1 impairment, with new cases affecting more than five thousand
2 people in the United States each year; and

3 WHEREAS, many western medicine techniques have failed to
4 find medical solutions to the most pervasive and costly
5 neurological diseases; and

6 WHEREAS, the use of advanced acupuncture techniques
7 developed in New Mexico, called neuro-acupuncture, merge
8 eastern acupuncture with western neurology and can provide
9 improvement for many neurological ailments; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico has established the
17 biomedical research and integrative neuroimaging center to
18 study neurological disease and innovative solutions to brain
19 function recovery; and

20 WHEREAS, the study of impacts and improved techniques that
21 use neuro-acupuncture to solve neurological ailments would be
22 informative;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico brain and
25 behavioral health institute, the department of health and the

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1 neuro-acupuncture institute be requested to study the health
2 effects of acupuncture and neuro-acupuncture as a modality that
3 may solve many of the neurological issues facing New Mexicans;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
6 requested to collaborate with neuro-acupuncture professionals
7 and the neuro-acupuncture institute to study impacts and
8 improved techniques that use neuro-acupuncture to solve
9 neurological ailments; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
11 brain and behavioral health institute be requested to work with
12 the neuro-acupuncture institute to study ways to provide
13 opportunities for clinical demonstrations and techniques where
14 functional magnetic resonance imaging technology is used to
15 assess before and after results and impacts on patients
16 receiving neuro-acupuncture treatment for the diseases cited;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
19 brain and behavioral health institute, the department of health
20 and the neuro-acupuncture institute be requested to report
21 their findings and conclusions to the interim legislative
22 health and human services committee by October 1, 2023; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the co-directors of the university of New Mexico
25 brain and behavioral health institute, the secretary of health,

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1 the chair of the neuro-acupuncture institute and the chair of
2 the legislative health and human services committee.

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