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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

GARY K. KING

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO  
DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE NEW MEXICO COALITION  
AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, in 1994 the New Mexico legislature, through a  
memorial sponsored by the interim legislative health and human  
services committee, recognized the New Mexico coalition against  
domestic violence as experts in the field of domestic violence;  
and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a separate and distinct  
problem area from other social, marital, mental health and  
developmental problems, and domestic violence counseling has  
expanded exponentially in New Mexico within the last twenty  
years, paralleling the rise of domestic violence in our nation;

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2 WHEREAS, domestic violence counseling has evolved in a  
3 nontraditional fashion through peer counseling, support and  
4 self-help services provided by feminists, battered women and  
5 domestic violence survivors who have extensive experience with  
6 those issues and who often do not have formal training in the  
7 field; and

8 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that properly qualified and  
9 trained personnel are providing services to victims of domestic  
10 violence, a specialized certification program should be  
11 developed, for use by the New Mexico coalition against domestic  
12 violence, by the human services department in cooperation with  
13 the regulation and licensing department and the New Mexico  
14 coalition against domestic violence;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it ask the human  
17 services department, together with the regulation and licensing  
18 department and the New Mexico coalition against domestic  
19 violence, to study the feasibility of creating a specialized  
20 certification program for use by the New Mexico coalition  
21 against domestic violence to establish a standard for  
22 certification as a domestic violence counselor; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the human services department  
24 present the results of its study to the interim legislative  
25 health and human services committee no later than October 1,

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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent  
3 to the secretary of human services, the superintendent of  
4 regulation and licensing, the executive director of the New  
5 Mexico coalition against domestic violence and the chairman of  
6 the interim legislative health and human services committee.

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**State of New Mexico**  
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11 Mr. Speaker:  
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13 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to  
14 whom has been referred

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17 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
18 recommendation that it DO PASS.  
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20 Respectfully submitted,  
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25 Gary K. King, Chairman

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(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 6 For 1 Against

Yes: 6

No: Hawkins

Excused: Baca, Charley, Sandel, Vigil

Absent: None

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