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REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO REGARD TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PAYMENTS AS INCOME.

WHEREAS, safe and affordable housing is essential to obtaining employment, work performance and basic maintenance of a family; and

WHEREAS, home ownership contributes to a sense of permanence, family stability and self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, habitat for humanity is a program that encourages participation, responsibility and commitment leading to home ownership for eligible families; and

WHEREAS, there are income requirements in the habitat for humanity program to assure the ability of recipients of housing to make low-cost mortgage payments; and 1

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WHEREAS, the state has flexibility in determining eligibility requirements based on resources for recipients of payments under the temporary assistance for needy families program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department encourage the habitat for humanity program to regard temporary assistance for needy families payments as income for the purpose of determining eligibility for housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to the secretary of human services and the director of the habitat for humanity program.

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