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REQUESTING THAT THE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES INVOLVED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NOTIFICATION OF THE HEARINGS PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE STATE PLAN TO ENSURE MAXIMUM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE PLAN.

WHEREAS, the state is required to develop a plan to implement the temporary assistance for needy families block grant;

WHEREAS, the state should consult with local governments and private sector organizations regarding the design of the state plan and allow for forty-five days to receive comments on the state plan; and

WHEREAS, the state plan must include an explanation of how

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1 the state will serve all of its political subdivisions; and

2 WHEREAS, the state plan must explain how a state will
3 require a parent or caretaker to engage in work activities after
4 receiving assistance under the program for twenty-four months
5 and ensure that parents and caretakers receiving assistance
6 engage in allowable work activities; and

7 WHEREAS, the state plan must include an explanation of how
8 noncitizens will be treated and how interstate immigrants will
9 be treated; and

10 WHEREAS, the state plan must include an explanation of the
11 necessary steps to assure appropriate confidentiality, set goals
12 and take action to reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies; and

13 WHEREAS, the state plan must include certification that it
14 will operate a child-support enforcement program and a child-
15 protection program; and

16 WHEREAS, the state plan must certify the process by which
17 the state will administer the program and that it will provide
18 Indians with equitable access to assistance;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department should
21 hold public hearings and notify the public of the hearings prior
22 to the submission of the state plan to ensure maximum public
23 participation in the development of the state plan; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the human services department, the labor

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2 department of health.

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