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**46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT COLLABORATE WITH THE SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM TO OBTAIN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING AND ESTABLISH A DEMONSTRATION, PRISON-BASED DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN NEW MEXICO.**

**WHEREAS, the provision of substance abuse treatment to criminal offenders improves public safety and enhances public health; and**

**WHEREAS, an offender who receives effective substance abuse treatment will be less likely to commit additional crimes to support his drug habit; and**

**WHEREAS, an offender who receives effective substance abuse treatment will be more likely to live a healthy and productive life; and**

**WHEREAS, the inmate population in New Mexico continues to**

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1 grow each year, due in large part to high recidivism rates; and

2 WHEREAS, in order to break the cycle of recidivism, it is  
3 necessary to break the cycle of drug addiction that is common  
4 to so many inmates; and

5 WHEREAS, the substance abuse treatment program provided by  
6 the second chance program has proven very effective, even for  
7 long-term, heavy drug users; and

8 WHEREAS, the four pillars of the second chance program are  
9 drug rehabilitation, education, self-respect and life skills;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the rehabilitation component of the second chance  
12 program emphasizes exercise, an improved diet and the use of  
13 saunas to expedite the detoxification process;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections department be  
16 requested to collaborate with the second chance program to  
17 obtain federal grant funding and establish a demonstration,  
18 prison-based drug rehabilitation program in New Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the secretary of corrections and the president  
21 and executive director of the second chance program.