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1 by creating purely computer-generated pornography; and

2 WHEREAS, with the continued fast-paced advance of  
3 computer technology, it may become increasingly difficult to  
4 discern actual children from computer-generated images and  
5 thereby increasingly difficult to prosecute cases involving  
6 actual children; and

7 WHEREAS, computer-generated or altered images may still  
8 encourage and promote a market for creation and distribution  
9 of child pornography and the sexual abuse and exploitation of  
10 actual children; and

11 WHEREAS, especially in the case of morphing, even if the  
12 depicted child was not physically harmed in the production of  
13 the image, the depicted child's emotional well-being and  
14 reputation is subject to grievous psychological harm every  
15 time the image is viewed or displayed by others;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the attorney general be requested to  
18 convene a task force to study the technological sophistication  
19 of virtual or computer-generated pornography in New Mexico,  
20 its impacts on New Mexico's children and the extent to which  
21 it supports the child pornography market; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the  
23 attorney general or the attorney general's designee; the  
24 secretary of public safety or the secretary's designee; a  
25 representative from the administrative office of the district

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1 attorneys; and any other entities deemed necessary by the  
2 attorney general; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force's study  
4 include the following:

5 A. the pervasiveness and technological  
6 sophistication of virtual or morphing technology in child  
7 pornography in New Mexico and its effects on the child  
8 pornography market;

9 B. the extent to which morphed images are used by  
10 abusers to seduce, molest, entice or lure children;

11 C. the extent of physical, emotional and  
12 psychological harm caused to identifiable child victims who  
13 are depicted in morphed images; and

14 D. the extent to which abusers of actual children  
15 are able to successfully evade prosecution by claiming that  
16 there is reasonable doubt as to whether or not the children  
17 depicted are real or computer-generated; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested  
19 to present its findings, including any recommendations for  
20 proposed legislation, to the appropriate interim legislative  
21 committee no later than November 1, 2007; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the attorney general, the secretary of public  
24 safety and the administrative office of the district  
25 attorneys.

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