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SENATE MEMORIAL 16

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A MEMORIAL

URGING CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE AND ADEQUATELY FUND THE STATE
CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the health of New Mexico's children is of
paramount importance to families in the state; and

WHEREAS, the poor health of children is a threat to the
educational achievement and social and psychological well-
being of the children of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, protecting the health of children is essential
to the well-being of the youngest citizens and the quality of
life in the state; and

WHEREAS, the state children's health insurance program is
an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for
the children of the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the value of the state children's health

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1 insurance program in preserving child wellness, preventing and
2 treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes and
3 reducing overall health costs is well-recognized; and

4 WHEREAS, federal funding available for the state
5 children's health insurance program is indispensable to
6 providing health benefits for children of modest means;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
8 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's congressional delegation be
9 urged to ensure the timely reauthorization and adequate
10 funding of the state children's health insurance program; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the
12 governor to use his best efforts to work with New Mexico's
13 congressional delegation to ensure that the state children's
14 health insurance program is reauthorized in a timely manner;
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge all
17 components of state government to work together with
18 educators, health care providers, social workers and parents
19 to improve health benefits for uninsured children; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the
21 governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful
22 assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify
23 for medicaid or the New Mexico state children's health
24 insurance program; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to
2 the governor.

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