

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MCKINLEY  
3 COUNTY AND THE REHOBOTH MCKINLEY CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL TO  
4 IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE A COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE NEW  
5 MEXICO CANCER CENTER OF GALLUP IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ACCESS TO  
6 CANCER TREATMENT FOR GALLUP AND THE SURROUNDING AREA.

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8 WHEREAS, the New Mexico cancer center, which opened one  
9 year ago, is a private practice center providing cancer  
10 treatment services in Gallup; and

11 WHEREAS, there are one hundred twenty thousand people in  
12 a three-county area in need of these services; and

13 WHEREAS, the center is able to receive reimbursement  
14 from medicare, medicaid and the Indian health service;  
15 however, the reimbursement rates provided by these sources  
16 are inadequate to cover the cost of providing cancer  
17 treatment services; and

18 WHEREAS, there is a lack of commercial payers to  
19 reimburse for cancer treatment services in this area of the  
20 state; and

21 WHEREAS, hospitals receive more advantageous  
22 reimbursement rates for services due to group purchasing  
23 arrangements, better pricing for cancer drugs and other  
24 economies of scale and could, therefore, operate the New  
25 Mexico cancer center of Gallup in a profitable manner,

1 thereby preserving access to cancer treatment services in  
2 this area; and

3 WHEREAS, Rehoboth McKinley Christian hospital and the  
4 board of county commissioners of McKinley county have  
5 expressed a willingness to explore avenues to support the New  
6 Mexico cancer center in Gallup for this purpose;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of county commissioners of  
9 McKinley county and the Rehoboth McKinley Christian hospital  
10 be requested to identify and propose a cooperative  
11 relationship, including the potential purchase of the New  
12 Mexico cancer center of Gallup, to support and preserve  
13 access to cancer treatment for Gallup and the surrounding  
14 area; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board of county  
16 commissioners of McKinley county and the Rehoboth McKinley  
17 Christian hospital work cooperatively with the New Mexico  
18 cancer center of Gallup to explore similar relationships in  
19 other parts of the state, including the potential for state  
20 funding; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposal they develop be  
22 presented to the appropriate legislative body for  
23 consideration; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley

1 county, the Rehoboth McKinley Christian hospital and the New  
2 Mexico cancer center of Gallup. \_\_\_\_\_

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