

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 33

2 **49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EXAMINE THE ISSUE OF
12 TOBACCO USE BY MINORS AND THE INABILITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
13 OFFICERS TO TAKE ACTION WHEN THEY ENCOUNTER TEENS SMOKING.

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15 WHEREAS, approximately one in four high school students in
16 New Mexico uses tobacco; and

17 WHEREAS, children's experimentation with smoking
18 frequently develops into regular smoking, which typically turns
19 into a strong addiction that can overpower the most diligent
20 efforts to quit; and

21 WHEREAS, ninety percent of all adult smokers began smoking
22 while in their teens, or earlier; and

23 WHEREAS, smoking and other tobacco use can cause serious
24 long-term health issues as well as a number of immediate,
25 sometimes irreversible, health effects; and

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