

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY 2011 AS "CHILD ABUSE
3 PREVENTION WEEK" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, child abuse is a serious problem, inflicting
6 emotional and physical harm on the state's most cherished and
7 valuable resources and residents; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico law defines an abused child as one
9 "who has suffered or is at risk of suffering serious harm
10 because of the action or inaction of the child's parent,
11 guardian or custodian"; and

12 WHEREAS, an estimated thirty thousand reports of child
13 abuse and neglect are made each year in New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing family and a
15 safe environment, free from fear, abuse and neglect; and

16 WHEREAS, parents, guardians, relatives and neighbors all
17 share a responsibility to prevent the devastating crime of
18 child abuse; and

19 WHEREAS, in order to engage communities in preventing
20 child abuse, awareness about the effects of child abuse must
21 be widely promoted; and

22 WHEREAS, a group of elementary school students in Vado,
23 New Mexico, is engaged in the "Future Problem Solver" group,
24 which applies a six-step problem-solving process to identify
25 challenges, an underlying problem, a possible solution to the

1 problem, criteria to evaluate the potential solution and an
2 action plan; and

3 WHEREAS, this group of students has been working as a
4 team to address a concern that they believe has negatively
5 impacted their community; and

6 WHEREAS, the group has identified child abuse as the
7 problem they wish to address, and their action plan to
8 address this problem is to promote awareness of the effects
9 of child abuse; and

10 WHEREAS, the group consists of nine students, namely:
11 Rose Cary, Karina Soriano, Matthew Madrid, Eduardo Soriano,
12 Madalyn Cary, Yvette Holgin, Daisy Arconiega and Cynthia
13 Romero; and

14 WHEREAS, the group is seeking legislative support to
15 establish the first week of July 2011 as "Child Abuse
16 Prevention Week" in New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, the senate has the opportunity through this
18 memorial to participate in this public awareness campaign;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the first week of July 2011 be
21 declared as "Child Abuse Prevention Week" in the senate; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to each and every student participating in the
24 "Future Problem Solver" group in Vado, New Mexico. _____