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SENATE MEMORIAL 26

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, parents, guardians, relatives and neighbors all

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1 share a responsibility to prevent the devastating crime of
2 child abuse; and

3 WHEREAS, in order to engage communities in preventing
4 child abuse, awareness about the effects of child abuse must be
5 widely promoted; and

6 WHEREAS, a group of elementary school students in Vado,
7 New Mexico, is engaged in the "Future Problem Solver" group,
8 which applies a six-step problem-solving process to identify
9 challenges, an underlying problem, a possible solution to the
10 problem, criteria to evaluate the potential solution and an
11 action plan; and

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

15 WHEREAS, the group has identified child abuse as the
16 problem they wish to address, and their action plan to address
17 this problem is to promote awareness of the effects of child
18 abuse; and

19 WHEREAS, the group consists of nine students, namely:
20 Rose Cary, Karina Soriano, Matthew Madrid, Eduardo Soriano,
21 Madalyn Cary, Yvette Holgin, Daisy Arconiega and Cynthia
22 Romero; and

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

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WHEREAS, the senate has the opportunity through this memorial to participate in this public awareness campaign;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the first week of July 2011 be declared as "Child Abuse Prevention Week" in the senate+; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to each and every student participating in the "Future Problem Solver" group in Vado, New Mexico.