

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF HEALTH COUNCILS TO
3 CONVENE A NEW MEXICO HEALTH COUNCIL SYSTEM TASK FORCE TO
4 ANALYZE THE WORK OF THE COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS IN
5 RELATION TO THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN ACT, AS
6 AMENDED IN 2007, AND TO RECOMMEND STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THE
7 STRUCTURE, EFFECTIVENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY OF COUNTY AND
8 TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS IN IDENTIFYING AND ADDRESSING THE
9 HEALTH NEEDS OF NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES.

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11 WHEREAS, New Mexico's county health councils were
12 established in 1991 under the auspices of the Maternal and
13 Child Health Plan Act; and

14 WHEREAS, the Maternal and Child Health Plan Act was
15 amended in 2007 to include community health councils in
16 tribal communities; and

17 WHEREAS, for twenty-six years, New Mexico's county and
18 tribal health councils have served the state as the hub of
19 public health systems in counties and tribal communities; and

20 WHEREAS, county and tribal health councils have produced
21 community health assessments that identify and document local
22 health needs, resources and conditions; and

23 WHEREAS, county and tribal health councils have produced
24 community health plans that identify local health priorities,
25 goals and strategies; and

1 WHEREAS, county and tribal health councils have
2 developed and implemented policies, programs and services to
3 address critical health needs and to increase access to
4 essential services; and

5 WHEREAS, county and tribal health councils have worked
6 with communities to attract federal, state and private
7 funding to communities to support health programs and
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, county and tribal health councils continue to
10 provide accurate, up-to-date information on local health
11 needs to state agencies and nonprofit service providers; and

12 WHEREAS, county and tribal health councils have provided
13 planning and coordination of local health services that
14 result in reducing duplication and filling gaps in services;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico alliance of health councils was
17 established as a statewide, nonprofit organization to speak
18 on behalf of New Mexico county and tribal health councils, to
19 facilitate communication and capacity-building and to develop
20 resources to support and enhance the work of the health
21 councils;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico alliance of health
24 councils be requested to convene a New Mexico health council
25 system task force to analyze the work of the health councils

1 in relation to the Maternal and Child Health Plan Act, as
2 amended in 2007, and to identify steps to strengthen the
3 structure, effectiveness and sustainability of county and
4 tribal health councils; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health
6 council system task force be requested to include
7 representatives of key entities involved in New Mexico's
8 public health system, including, at a minimum,
9 representatives of the following entities:

10 A. the department of health and other agencies as
11 the New Mexico alliance of health councils deems appropriate;

12 B. the university of New Mexico health sciences
13 center;

14 C. New Mexico state university;

15 D. the southwest center for health innovation's
16 New Mexico public health institute;

17 E. the New Mexico public health association;

18 F. the New Mexico association of counties;

19 G. a Native American health advocacy organization;

20 H. private and nonprofit health and social service
21 providers;

22 I. educational institutions;

23 J. philanthropic institutions; and

24 K. county and tribal health councils; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico health

1 council system task force meet at least quarterly and develop
2 a legislative report to be presented to the legislative
3 health and human services committee and to the appropriate
4 state agencies and nongovernmental entities by October 1,
5 2018; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the governor, the chair and vice chair of the
8 legislative health and human services committee, the chair and
9 vice chair of the legislative finance committee, the secretary
10 of health and the executive director of the southwest center
11 for health innovation. _____

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