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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ECONOMIC  
12 DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO COOPERATE IN PROVIDING LOW-COST  
13 HOUSING TO TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES RECIPIENTS.

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15 WHEREAS, under federal and state welfare reform  
16 initiatives, recipients of temporary assistance for needy  
17 families funds will be required to actively seek employment; and

18 WHEREAS, housing is essential to obtaining employment, work  
19 performance and basic maintenance of a family; and

20 WHEREAS, it is difficult to maintain a positive work ethic  
21 without a consistent and dependable place to sleep, eat and  
22 dress; and

23 WHEREAS, children need the stability of a consistent place  
24 to live in order to perform well at school; and

25 WHEREAS, dependable sources of water, heat, shelter and

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1 food are necessary to maintain family unity and strength; and

2 WHEREAS, there are various existing housing programs that  
3 assist people to locate low-cost housing to either rent or buy;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, there is a need for coordination between both the  
6 federal government and state government to identify needy  
7 recipients and identify housing programs to address their needs;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico human services  
10 department and the economic development department cooperate and  
11 coordinate with the federal housing and urban development  
12 department to locate and provide for low-cost housing for TANF;  
13 and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent  
15 to the secretaries of human services and economic development.