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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONDUCT AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS OF
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILD
CARE DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT STATE PLAN THAT INCLUDES
COLLABORATIVE PARTICIPATION FROM THE PUBLIC, CONSUMERS AND THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the United States congress adopted the Personal
Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996; and

WHEREAS, the children, youth and families department
developed a child care and development block grant state plan
without sufficient advocate and consumer input; and

WHEREAS, the children, youth and families department held a
public hearing but did not provide adequate notice to the public
or distribute the proposed plan prior to the hearing; and

WHEREAS, children and families will experience hardship in

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1 the transition from the existing system to a new, unfamiliar and
2 complicated system of assistance; and

3 WHEREAS, in order for parents to work, they will need
4 support services such as child care to enable them to work and
5 thus no longer need subsistence benefits;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to conduct a
8 collaborative and inclusive process in the planning and
9 development of the child care development block grant state
10 plan; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of children, youth
13 and families.