## SENATE MEMORIAL 1

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ADOLESCENT SOCIAL ACTION PROGRAM AND URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TO INCORPORATE THE PROGRAM INTO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

WHEREAS, the adolescent social action program is a collaborative, primary prevention program developed in Albuquerque whose goals are to reduce mortality and morbidity among adolescents and empower young people to be change agents in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the adolescent social action program was formed in 1982 as the alcohol substance abuse prevention program in the department of family, community and emergency medicine at the university of New Mexico and has since evolved into a program with multiple affiliations that provides a unique link between

the community and the university; and

WHEREAS, more than three thousand children and families throughout New Mexico have received adolescent social action program primary prevention services, which include encouraging at-risk adolescents to explore drug-free options and encouraging youth to work to implement social change; and

WHEREAS, over the years, community services have included research, technical and teacher training and youth social action projects such as fotonovellas, community murals, involvement in campaigns against tobacco advertising, involvement in campaigns against the use of alcohol at the state fair, gang prevention task forces and presentations at local and national conferences; and

WHEREAS, the adolescent social action program has provided training, practicum experience and education to over four hundred university students who act as facilitators with small groups of youth; and

WHEREAS, programs such as the adolescent social action program should be encouraged to continue working for the betterment of society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

OF NEW MEXICO that appreciation and encouragement be expressed

to the staff of the adolescent social action program for its

work in helping youth from at-risk communities and their role in

making Albuquerque and New Mexico a better place to live; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate urge the board of regents of the university of New Mexico to incorporate the adolescent social action program into the university of New Mexico school of medicine; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the president of the board of regents and the president of the university of New Mexico, to the vice president of the health sciences center at the university of New Mexico and to the adolescent social action program.

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March 11, 1997 Mr. President: Your **EDUCATION COMMTTEE**, to whom has been referred SENATE MEMORIAL 1 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, and thence referred to the PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Nava, Chairman 

Not Adopted\_\_\_\_\_

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