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INTRODUCED BY

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
TO RECONVENE THE J. PAUL TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE TO
CONTINUE THE TASK FORCE'S WORK IN IMPROVING COLLABORATION AMONG
STAKEHOLDERS AND DEVELOPING FURTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PLANS.

WHEREAS, in the 2013 first session of the fifty-first
legislature, and in the 2014 second session of the fifty-first
legislature, House Memorial 75 and Senate Memorial 5 were
passed respectively, requesting the university of New Mexico
health sciences center to convene the J. Paul Taylor early
childhood task force in honor of former legislator and tireless
children's advocate J. Paul Taylor; and

WHEREAS, during 2014 and 2015, the J. Paul Taylor early
childhood task force has built solidly on its first year by

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expanding participation to include the human services

department, the four medicaid managed-care organizations, the

legislative finance committee and others, including some not

usually a part of New Mexico early childhood efforts; and

WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force

continues to work collaboratively with a broad-based coalition

of state, managed-care, medical, community and legislative

stakeholders to identify funding opportunities and gaps and to

develop a system to recognize and respond to risk factors in

young children and their families; and

WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has

worked to develop a system to identify unserved and underserved

at-risk children and families, including research on evidence-

based models from within and outside of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has

worked to identify how current service delivery systems could

be used for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, for three years, the J. Paul Taylor early

childhood task force has developed public health-driven

recommendations to strengthen the state's early childhood

behavioral health services system to respond to risk factors in

infants, children and families, including recommendations to

modify medicaid funding and billing and develop needed linkages

among primary and behavioral health and community systems; and

WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has

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1   promoted evidence-based local community behavioral health

2   programs in New Mexico; and

3   WHEREAS, the work of the J. Paul Taylor early childhood

4   task force has built upon New Mexico's existing structures by

5   creating linkages among health, behavioral health and community

6   systems to establish coherent, efficient and accessible

7   infrastructure to recognize and respond to risk factors in

8   families that place infants and young children at risk for

9   their healthy development and safety; and

10   WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has

11   reviewed existing state and national data systems that could be

12   used to collect critical data to support rigorous evaluation of

13   programs and the promotion of evidence-based programming; and

14   WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has

15   recommended best practices for trauma-informed community

16   services and a state delivery system, including recommendations

17   for a critical work force development training plan; and

18   WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has

19   presented its recommendations to interim legislative committees

20   and to the legislature; and

21   WHEREAS, among the recommendations of the 2015 J. Paul

22   Taylor early childhood task force was that the task force's

23   work be continued for another year to allow it to work

24   collaboratively for the successful implementation of the infant

25   and early childhood behavioral health action plan and the child

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abuse prevention plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the 2015 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force be requested in 2016 to continue improving collaboration among stakeholders to support the implementation and sustainability of the task force's recommended early childhood behavioral health action plan and child abuse prevention plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by December 1, 2016, the 2016 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force report its latest recommendations to the legislative health and human services committee and the legislative finance committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico health sciences center be requested to convene the J. Paul Taylor task force for 2016 and assist the task force as necessary to enable the task force to meet at least quarterly and to develop a legislative report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the chair of the legislative health and human services committee, the chair of the legislative finance committee, the secretary of children, youth and families, the secretary of health, the secretary of human services and the chancellor for health sciences of the university of New Mexico.

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