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| 10 | A JOINT MEMORIAL |
| 11 | REQUESTING STATE DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF CARE FOR |
| 12 | CERTAIN PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WHO LOSE |
| 13 | COVERAGE AND SERVICES DUE TO BECOMING AN ADULT AT THE AGE OF |
| 14 | EI GHTEEN. |
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| 16 | WHEREAS, a child with developmental disabilities enrolled |
| 17 | in a specialized foster care program funded exclusively by |
| 18 | general fund money is automatically terminated from eligibility |
| 19 | for services upon reaching his eighteenth birthday; and |
| 20 | WHEREAS, the abrupt termination of services could |
| 21 | jeopardize a child's health, safety and welfare and lead to |
| 22 | homelessness; and |
| 23 | WHEREAS, such a child may be eligible for developmentally |
| 24 | disabled medicaid waiver services, but may not receive them |
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<u>underscored mterial = new</u> [bracketed mterial] = delete upon turning eighteen due to being placed on the waiting list for these services; and

WHEREAS, it is possible for the children, youth and families department, the human services department and the department of health to work together to create a smooth transition of services, bridging a child's transition from 7 chronological dependence to independence, in the best interests 8 of both the child and his foster family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families department, the human services department and the department of health work to ensure that a child receiving specialized foster care services is provided an uninterrupted transition from that program to the developmentally disabled medicaid waiver program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretaries of the respective departments mentioned.

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