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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY THE HEALTH AND
EDUCATION BENEFITS OF INCREASED PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
HEALTHY, NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND BEVERAGE ALTERNATIVES IN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the health and lifestyle of children in
elementary schools is of particular concern to New Mexicans;
and

WHEREAS, some elementary schools feed children products
and beverages that offer little nutritional value;
and

WHEREAS, there has been an inadequate emphasis on
promoting physical education and the health benefits of an
active lifestyle in elementary schools; and

1 WHEREAS, experienced teachers readily testify to the
2 negative influence of lack of physical activity and some food
3 products and beverages available to elementary school
4 children; and

5 WHEREAS, the state department of public education, the
6 department of health and other interested agencies have a
7 desire and an obligation to address the health and welfare of
8 children attending elementary public schools;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested
11 to lead a study, with the participation of the state
12 department of public education, representatives of food and
13 beverage industries and other interested persons to identify
14 the extent to which the availability of physical education and
15 nutritious food products and beverages can better contribute
16 to healthy lifestyles among elementary school children; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study identify measures
18 that can be implemented to promote healthy lifestyles among
19 elementary school children, including physical education and
20 proper availability of certain food products and beverages;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include
23 participation from the health sciences center of the
24 university of New Mexico, a statewide association of
25 nutritionists and other interested parties; and

