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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE CORRECTIONS
DEPARTMENT TO COOPERATE IN A STUDY OF ACCESS TO FAITH-BASED
AND TWELVE STEP SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS BY PRISON
POPULATIONS.**

**WHEREAS, faith-based and twelve step substance abuse and
alcohol treatment programs, such as alcoholics anonymous, are
nonprofessional, self-supporting, multiracial and apolitical
programs that are widely available for people with alcohol or
drug problems with no fees or charges; and**

**WHEREAS, it is an important element for the success of
these programs that people have access to them on a frequent
and regular basis; and**

**WHEREAS, it is also important that the volunteers and
members of the programs are themselves people who have**

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1 successfully dealt with drinking or drug problems; and

2 WHEREAS, for security and various administrative reasons,
3 these programs are available to our prison populations only on
4 a limited basis, thereby reducing the potential for the
5 success of the programs with inmates; and

6 WHEREAS, many people are incarcerated as a result of drug
7 and alcohol problems and are in need of regular exposure to
8 faith-based and twelve step programs such as these;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the
11 corrections department be requested to cooperate in a study of
12 the availability of and access to faith-based and twelve step
13 substance abuse and alcohol treatment programs for state
14 prison populations; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments identify ways
16 to increase the availability of these programs for inmate
17 populations throughout the state; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments report on
19 their progress to the legislative health and human services
20 committee by its October 2002 meeting; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 sent to the department of health, the corrections department
23 and the interim legislative health and human services
24 committee.