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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 59
45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY DEVELOP A TASK
FORCE TO EXAMINE ISSUES REGARDING THE COLLECTION AND
DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON SEX OFFENDERS.

WHEREAS, the Sex Offender Registration and Notification
Act provides for public access to information on certain
registered sex offenders, including the sex offender's name,
address and physical characteristics; the sex offense for
which he was convicted; and a photograph of the sex offender;
and

WHEREAS, to maximize public safety, it is vitally
important that the collection and dissemination of that
information is complete and accurate; and

WHEREAS, the department of public safety is the lead
agency responsible for the administration of the Sex Offender

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1 Registration and Notification Act, as its duties include
2 management of a central registry of sex offenders and an
3 internet site that provides the public with information on
4 certain sex offenders;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of public safety be
7 requested to develop a task force to examine issues regarding
8 the collection and dissemination of information on sex
9 offenders, pursuant to the Sex Offender Registration and
10 Notification Act; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a member of the house of
12 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives, a member of the house of representatives
14 appointed by the minority floor leader of the house of
15 representatives, a member of the senate appointed by the
16 president pro tempore of the senate, a member of the senate
17 appointed by the minority floor leader of the senate, a
18 representative of the governor's office, a municipal police
19 chief, a county sheriff, a district attorney and a district
20 court judge be invited to be participants of the task force;
21 and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
23 findings and recommendations to an appropriate legislative
24 interim committee prior to November 1, 2002; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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