

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE BEHAVIORAL  
3 HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT,  
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
5 DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE  
6 FEASIBILITY OF USING THE LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC PROPERTY FOR A  
7 RECOVERY CENTER SERVING AT-RISK YOUTH, INCLUDING YOUNG  
8 MOTHERS WITH SMALL CHILDREN.

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10 WHEREAS, the cultural affairs department is responsible  
11 for the oversight of the Los Luceros historic property; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of the cultural affairs department  
13 is to preserve, foster and interpret New Mexico's diverse  
14 cultural, scientific and artistic heritage and expression for  
15 present and future generations, enhancing the quality of life  
16 and economic well-being of the state; and

17 WHEREAS, in keeping with its mission and the deed  
18 restrictions for the property, the cultural affairs  
19 department has established four guiding principles for  
20 evaluating programs for, and uses of, the Los Luceros  
21 historic property; and

22 WHEREAS, these principles are:

23 A. to preserve and maintain historic structures on  
24 the property and to provide opportunities to foster and  
25 interpret the history of the property;

1           B. to preserve the agricultural use of the  
2 property, specifically the apple orchard and pasture within  
3 view of the hacienda;

4           C. to provide for protection of the environmental  
5 elements on the property, including irrigated lands, the  
6 bosque and the Rio Grande; and

7           D. to manage the property to enhance the quality  
8 of life and economic well-being of the community; and

9           WHEREAS, maintenance and operation of the property are  
10 estimated to cost approximately four hundred thousand dollars  
11 (\$400,000) to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)  
12 annually; and

13           WHEREAS, among the options considered by the cultural  
14 affairs department for the Los Luceros historic property are  
15 to enter into public and private partnerships that combine  
16 maintenance of the property, its operation as a historic  
17 property, educational programs, job training, agriculture and  
18 community-based programs; and

19           WHEREAS, breaking the cycle of substance abuse in the  
20 Espanola valley in Rio Arriba county in particular, and in  
21 New Mexico in general, will require an innovative alternative  
22 to incarceration, hospitalization or no treatment for certain  
23 at-risk groups; and

24           WHEREAS, there are not enough programs in New Mexico to  
25 address at-risk youth, foster children who age out of foster

1 care and young mothers with small children; and

2 WHEREAS, a recovery program for this at-risk population  
3 could be based upon the guiding principles established by the  
4 cultural affairs department for the maintenance and use of the  
5 Los Luceros historic property; and

6 WHEREAS, such a program could include maintenance of the  
7 property, agricultural production, environmental protection, a  
8 foundation that operates a museum and gift shop on the  
9 property, food service for visitors and opportunities for  
10 physical health and life skills preparation through the  
11 participation and engagement of young people; and

12 WHEREAS, such a program has the potential to defray the  
13 baseline costs associated with maintaining the property, while  
14 giving at-risk youth, foster children who age out of foster  
15 care and young mothers with children the opportunity to become  
16 healthy and productive in a setting that supports recovery;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the cultural affairs department, the  
19 behavioral health services division of the human services  
20 department, the department of health and the children, youth  
21 and families department be requested to establish a working  
22 group to consider the feasibility of using the Los Luceros  
23 historic property for a recovery center through a  
24 public-private partnership, consistent with the cultural  
25 affairs department's guiding principles for the property; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group report its  
2 findings to the legislative health and human services  
3 committee, the courts, corrections and justice committee and  
4 the legislative finance committee by September 1, 2013; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs, the acting  
7 director of the behavioral health services division of the  
8 human services department, the secretary of health, the  
9 secretary of children, youth and families and the governor.     

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