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**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER TO RECONVENE THE J. PAUL TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK FORCE TO CONTINUE THE TASK FORCE'S WORK IN IMPROVING COLLABORATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS AND DEVELOPING FURTHER EARLY CHILDHOOD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PLANS.

WHEREAS, in the 2013 first session of the fifty-first legislature, and in the 2014 second session of the fifty-first legislature, House Memorial 75 and Senate Memorial 5 were passed respectively, requesting the university of New Mexico health sciences center to convene the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force in honor of former legislator and tireless children's advocate J. Paul Taylor; and

WHEREAS, during 2014 and 2015, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has built solidly on its first year by

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1 expanding participation to include the human services  
2 department, the four medicaid managed-care organizations, the  
3 legislative finance committee and others, including some not  
4 usually a part of New Mexico early childhood efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force  
6 continues to work collaboratively with a broad-based coalition  
7 of state, managed-care, medical, community and legislative  
8 stakeholders to identify funding opportunities and gaps and to  
9 develop a system to recognize and respond to risk factors in  
10 young children and their families; and

11 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has  
12 worked to develop a system to identify unserved and underserved  
13 at-risk children and families, including research on evidence-  
14 based models from within and outside of New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has  
16 worked to identify how current service delivery systems could  
17 be used for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; and

18 WHEREAS, for three years, the J. Paul Taylor early  
19 childhood task force has developed public health-driven  
20 recommendations to strengthen the state's early childhood  
21 behavioral health services system to respond to risk factors in  
22 infants, children and families, including recommendations to  
23 modify medicaid funding and bill ling and develop needed  
24 linkages among primary and behavioral health and community  
25 systems; and

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1           WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has  
2 promoted evidence-based local community behavioral health  
3 programs in New Mexico; and

4           WHEREAS, the work of the J. Paul Taylor early childhood  
5 task force has built upon New Mexico's existing structures by  
6 creating linkages among health, behavioral health and community  
7 systems to establish coherent, efficient and accessible  
8 infrastructure to recognize and respond to risk factors in  
9 families that place infants and young children at risk for  
10 their healthy development and safety; and

11           WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has  
12 reviewed existing state and national data systems that could be  
13 used to collect critical data to support rigorous evaluation of  
14 programs and the promotion of evidence-based programming; and

15           WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has  
16 recommended best practices for trauma-informed community  
17 services and a state delivery system, including recommendations  
18 for a critical work force development training plan; and

19           WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has  
20 presented its recommendations to interim legislative committees  
21 and to the legislature; and

22           WHEREAS, among the recommendations of the 2015 J. Paul  
23 Taylor early childhood task force was that the task force's  
24 work be continued for another year to allow it to work  
25 collaboratively for the successful implementation of the infant

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1 and early childhood behavioral health action plan and the child  
2 abuse prevention plan;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of  
5 the 2015 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force be requested  
6 in 2016 to continue improving collaboration among stakeholders  
7 to support the implementation and sustainability of the task  
8 force's recommended early childhood behavioral health action  
9 plan and child abuse prevention plan; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by December 1, 2016, the 2016  
11 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force report its latest  
12 recommendations to the legislative health and human services  
13 committee and the legislative finance committee; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico  
15 health sciences center be requested to convene the J. Paul  
16 Taylor task force for 2016 and assist the task force as  
17 necessary to enable the task force to meet at least quarterly  
18 and to develop a legislative report; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the governor, the chair of the legislative  
21 health and human services committee, the chair of the  
22 legislative finance committee, the secretary of children, youth  
23 and families, the secretary of health, the secretary of human  
24 services and the chancellor for health sciences of the  
25 university of New Mexico.

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