

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A
3 NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS DATABASE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
4 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND SHARING OF AGGREGATE DATA
5 ON NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS WITH RESEARCHERS STATEWIDE AND
6 WORLDWIDE.

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8 WHEREAS, neurological disorders are conditions that
9 occur in the brain, spine and the nerves that connect them;
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11 WHEREAS, neurological disorders include more than six
12 hundred diseases, including brain tumors, epilepsy,
13 Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and stroke as well as
14 less familiar conditions such as oculopharyngeal muscular
15 dystrophy; and

16 WHEREAS, scientists worldwide, including scientists in
17 New Mexico, are doing important research on neurological
18 disorders; and

19 WHEREAS, neurological databases store only data at the
20 aggregate level, protecting personal health information from
21 unauthorized disclosure; and

22 WHEREAS, when neurological disorder researchers are able
23 to study the types and incidence of neurological disorders
24 through interconnected databases, they are able to make
25 breakthroughs in their knowledge regarding the identification

1 and treatment of these neurological disorders;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
4 of health be requested to provide for the establishment of a
5 neurological disorders database at the department of health;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the neurological disorders
8 database at the department of health receive data relating to
9 neurological disorders occurring in New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
11 requested to share and receive aggregate data on neurological
12 disorders with neurological disorder researchers statewide
13 and worldwide; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the governor and to the secretary of health.

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