

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES
3 CENTER TO RECONVENE THE J. PAUL TAYLOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TASK
4 FORCE TO CONTINUE THE TASK FORCE'S WORK IN IMPROVING
5 COLLABORATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS AND DEVELOPING FURTHER WAYS
6 TO IDENTIFY AND ASSIST FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AT RISK.

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8 WHEREAS, in the 2013 first session of the fifty-first
9 legislature, in the 2014 second session of the fifty-first
10 legislature, in the 2015 first session of the fifty-second
11 legislature and in the 2016 second session of the
12 fifty-second legislature, House Memorial 75, Senate
13 Memorial 5, Senate Memorial 69 and Senate Joint Memorial 1
14 were passed respectively, requesting the university of
15 New Mexico health sciences center to convene the
16 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force in honor of
17 former legislator and tireless children's advocate
18 J. Paul Taylor; and

19 WHEREAS, since 2013, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood
20 task force has built solidly on its yearly studies by
21 expanding participation of stakeholders and experts; and

22 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
23 continues to work collaboratively with a broad-based
24 coalition of state, managed care, medical, community and
25 legislative stakeholders to identify funding opportunities

1 and gaps and to develop a system to recognize and respond to
2 risk factors in young children and their families; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
9 has worked to identify how current service delivery systems
10 could be used for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;
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12 WHEREAS, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force
13 has presented its recommendations to interim legislative
14 committees and to the legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, the 2016 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task
16 force recommended that the legislature and state agencies:

17 A. increase early childhood program funding;

18 B. expand screening to identify young children at
19 risk;

20 C. promote and expand postpartum visiting programs
21 to assist families with newborns;

22 D. increase access to early childhood mental
23 health services;

24 E. support and coordinate training for community
25 health workers in assisting families with young children; and

1 F. align existing information and referral systems
2 in an online, shared, accessible, statewide, comprehensive,
3 community-based resource directory to link families with
4 young children to needed resources; and

5 WHEREAS, among the recommendations of the 2016 J. Paul
6 Taylor early childhood task force was that the task force's
7 work be continued for another year to allow it to work
8 collaboratively for the successful implementation of its
9 recommendations;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the members of the 2016 J. Paul
12 Taylor early childhood task force be requested in 2017 to
13 continue improving collaboration among stakeholders to
14 support the implementation and sustainability of the task
15 force's recommended early childhood behavioral health action
16 plan and child abuse prevention plan; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by December 1, 2017, the
18 2017 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force report its
19 latest recommendations to the legislative health and human
20 services committee and the legislative finance committee; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the university of New Mexico
22 health sciences center be requested to convene the J. Paul
23 Taylor early childhood task force for 2017 and assist the
24 task force as necessary to enable the task force to meet at
25 least quarterly and to develop a legislative report; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the governor, the chair of the legislative
3 health and human services committee, the chair of the
4 legislative finance committee, the secretary of children,
5 youth and families, the secretary of health, the secretary of
6 human services and the chancellor for health sciences of the
7 university of New Mexico.

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