

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 SENATE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of health be requested  
4 to provide for the establishment of a neurological disorders  
5 database at the department of health; and

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

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

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

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