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A MEMORIAL

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

WHEREAS, neurological disorders are conditions that occur
in the brain, spine and the nerves that connect them; and

WHEREAS, neurological disorders include more than six
hundred diseases, including brain tumors, epilepsy, Parkinson's
disease, multiple sclerosis and stroke as well as less familiar
conditions such as oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophy; and

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

WHEREAS, neurological databases store only data at the

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1 aggregate level, protecting personal health information from
2 unauthorized disclosure; and

3 WHEREAS, when neurological disorder researchers are able
4 to study the types and incidence of neurological disorders
5 through interconnected databases, they are able to make
6 breakthroughs in their knowledge regarding the identification
7 and treatment of these neurological disorders;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
10 of health be requested to provide for the establishment of a
11 neurological disorders database at the department of health;
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the neurological disorders
14 database at the department of health receive data relating to
15 neurological disorders occurring in New Mexico; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health be
17 requested to share and receive aggregate data on neurological
18 disorders with neurological disorder researchers statewide and
19 worldwide; and

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