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A JOINT 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 WAYS TO IDENTIFY AND ASSIST FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AT RISK.

WHEREAS, in the 2013 first session of the fifty-first legislature, in the 2014 second session of the fifty-first legislature, in the 2015 first session of the fifty-second legislature and in the 2016 second session of the fifty-second legislature, House Memorial 75, Senate Memorial 5, Senate Memorial 69 and Senate Joint Memorial 1 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

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1 children's advocate J. Paul Taylor; and

2 WHEREAS, since 2013, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood
3 task force has built solidly on its yearly studies by expanding
4 participation of stakeholders and experts; 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, the J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force has
19 presented its recommendations to interim legislative committees
20 and to the legislature; and

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

- 23 A. increase early childhood program funding;
24 B. expand screening to identify young children at
25 risk;

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1 C. promote and expand postpartum visiting programs
2 to assist families with newborns;

3 D. increase access to early childhood mental health
4 services;

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

7 F. align existing information and referral systems
8 in an online, shared, accessible, statewide, comprehensive,
9 community-based resource directory to link families with young
10 children to needed resources; and

11 WHEREAS, among the recommendations of the 2016 J. Paul
12 Taylor early childhood task force was that the task force's
13 work be continued for another year to allow it to work
14 collaboratively for the successful implementation of its
15 recommendations;

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

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by December 1, 2017, the 2017
24 J. Paul Taylor early childhood task force report its latest
25 recommendations to the legislative health and human services

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1 committee and the legislative finance committee; and

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

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the governor, the chair of the legislative
9 health and human services committee, the chair of the
10 legislative finance committee, the secretary of children, youth
11 and families, the secretary of health, the secretary of human
12 services and the chancellor for health sciences of the
13 university of New Mexico.

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