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SENATE MEMORIAL 96

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE NEW MEXICO HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE, THE NEW MEXICO TRIBAL TASK FORCE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE LIFE LINK TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIES AND POLICIES TO COORDINATE RESOURCES, SERVICES AND HOUSING FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

WHEREAS, victims of human trafficking face extreme danger when they escape or are rescued from their traffickers; and

WHEREAS, an escaped victim of human trafficking has immediate needs, including sustenance, shelter, transportation and medical services; and

WHEREAS, current work to support victims of human trafficking is being undertaken, in collaboration with the United States department of justice, by a task force convened

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1 jointly by the office of the attorney general and the life link  
2 and by the New Mexico tribal task force on human trafficking;  
3 and

4 WHEREAS, additionally, Santa Fe and Bernalillo counties  
5 are developing long-range plans to provide shelter and housing  
6 and other services for victims of human trafficking; and

7 WHEREAS, because of the complexity of many trafficking  
8 victims' experiences, the successful treatment of victims of  
9 human trafficking often includes delivery of services with a  
10 high level of clinical sophistication; and

11 WHEREAS, providing housing resources and trauma services  
12 to victims of human trafficking is a vital and necessary goal;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, providing emergency resources, which is critical  
15 to stabilization of victims and leads to successful prosecution  
16 of traffickers, is the result of the combined work of law  
17 enforcement, prosecutors and service providers;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the crime victims reparation commission, the  
20 office of the attorney general, the New Mexico human  
21 trafficking task force, the life link and the New Mexico tribal  
22 task force on human trafficking be requested to develop  
23 strategies and policies to fulfill and improve services for  
24 victims of human trafficking throughout the state; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entities above be

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1 requested to identify gaps in the availability of services to  
2 victims of human trafficking, as well as housing, advocacy and  
3 policy issues affecting Native American and immigrant  
4 populations; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entities listed be  
6 requested to present to the legislative health and human  
7 services committee and the appropriate legislative interim  
8 committee dealing with courts, corrections and justice issues a  
9 report on the progress of their work on or before December 1,  
10 2018 and present a final report on their work, including any  
11 proposed legislation, on or before December 1, 2019; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the crime victims reparation commission, the  
14 attorney general, the New Mexico human trafficking task force,  
15 the life link, the New Mexico tribal task force on human  
16 trafficking and the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative  
17 council.