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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDIATION FOR THE ELDER
POPULATION.

WHEREAS, mediation is a voluntary and confidential process
in which a neutral third party helps facilitate discussion of
difficult issues and negotiate agreements; and

WHEREAS, elders face unique challenges often involving
loss of identity, housing and friends and family; and

WHEREAS, elders may also experience increased challenges
in managing finances and health-related affairs; and

WHEREAS, these challenges, coupled with unresolved family
issues, can cause deeply painful conflicts between elders and
their families; and

WHEREAS, a mediator, skilled in family facilitation,
conflict resolution and negotiated consensus, can offer a

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1 collaborative and cost-effective alternative to litigation or
2 legal guardianship for resolving issues unique to the elder
3 population;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
5 OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the importance of mediation as
6 a critical tool to preserve the health and well-being of New
7 Mexico's elders; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the New Mexico elder mediation network.