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SENATE MEMORIAL 48

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A
COMPREHENSIVE RECOVERY CENTER IN THE NORTHEAST REGION OF NEW
MEXICO.

WHEREAS, drug abuse, alcohol abuse and addiction are
serious and growing problems within Mora, San Miguel and
Guadalupe counties in northeastern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the effects of drug and alcohol abuse are
devastating to those dealing with addiction, and to their
families, friends and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, depression and suicide are also serious health
problems, with suicide rates in New Mexico at least fifty
percent higher than United States rates over the past twenty
years, according to department of health statistics; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, suicide was the ninth-leading cause of

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1 death in New Mexico; and the New Mexico counties in the
2 northeast with the highest suicide rates are Taos, San Miguel
3 and Torrance counties; and

4 WHEREAS, deaths resulting from drug abuse, alcohol abuse
5 and addiction are at historically high levels in Mora, San
6 Miguel and Guadalupe counties and elsewhere in northeastern New
7 Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, the economic effects of drug abuse, alcohol abuse
9 and addiction on Mora, San Miguel and Guadalupe counties and
10 the other communities of northeastern New Mexico are
11 devastating, including the burden on health, law enforcement
12 and detention resources; and

13 WHEREAS, detoxification and treatment services are crucial
14 elements in the fight against drug abuse, alcohol abuse and
15 addiction; and

16 WHEREAS, northeastern New Mexico lacks public
17 detoxification inpatient and outpatient treatment options; and

18 WHEREAS, local collaborative four, serving Mora, San
19 Miguel and Guadalupe counties, is engaged in joint efforts with
20 the city of Las Vegas, alta vista regional hospital, New Mexico
21 highlands university, el centro family health, Mora valley
22 community health services, Pecos valley medical center, the New
23 Mexico heroin and opioid prevention and education initiative
24 and several other local agencies to open detoxification and
25 treatment facilities within the community; and

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1 WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas and San Miguel county have
2 set aside funding and partnered with other local agencies to
3 apply for additional funding through grants and to facilitate
4 increased access to behavioral health services, including those
5 directed at drug abuse, alcohol abuse and addiction; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university was awarded a
7 one-hundred-thousand-dollar (\$100,000) per fiscal year
8 prevention grant by the New Mexico office of substance abuse
9 prevention beginning in 2014 to establish the San Miguel county
10 substance abuse prevention coalition; and

11 WHEREAS, the San Miguel county substance abuse prevention
12 coalition includes a comprehensive data-driven strategic plan
13 that includes prevention strategies directed at changing the
14 intervening variables that contribute to drug abuse and binge
15 drinking; and

16 WHEREAS, el centro family health and local collaborative
17 four were awarded a two-hundred-thousand-dollar (\$200,000)
18 planning grant by the federal health resources and services
19 administration for the semillas de esperanza opioid response
20 initiative, which includes conducting a needs assessment and
21 regional opioid use profile and developing architectural plans
22 for a comprehensive recovery center; and

23 WHEREAS, the semillas de esperanza opioid response
24 initiative builds on the successes over the past year to
25 conduct the necessary planning as a multi-sector coalition to

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1 build a better pathway for the prevention and treatment of and
2 a system for a sustained recovery from opioid use in the
3 coalition's area; and

4 WHEREAS, in a region that is experiencing health
5 professional shortages, ensuring that there are adequate
6 providers to serve the area is essential; and

7 WHEREAS, a comprehensive recovery center is being planned
8 by local collaborative four and its partners during 2019 with a
9 proposed implementation in 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, the comprehensive recovery center will offer
11 prevention, intervention, harm reduction and treatment programs
12 provided by established community agencies in the local
13 collaborative four region; and

14 WHEREAS, the comprehensive recovery center will provide
15 vocational training to help patients obtain jobs following
16 their treatment; and

17 WHEREAS, the comprehensive recovery center will also
18 provide community gardening to teach self-sustaining skills
19 while providing nutrition and support to the community; and

20 WHEREAS, the comprehensive recovery center will
21 participate in developing an economic development plan to help
22 the local economy through job growth and an increased tax base;
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24 WHEREAS, the comprehensive recovery center will offer
25 outpatient and long-term inpatient services to help sustain

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1 patients' recovery; and

2 WHEREAS, the comprehensive recovery center will offer a
3 holistic approach to recovery, using culturally relevant
4 programming and local healers who practice traditional healing
5 rooted in the community; and

6 WHEREAS, the comprehensive recovery center will include a
7 drop-in center for community members needing a safe location to
8 rest, increasing public safety; and

9 WHEREAS, collaboration with other behavioral health
10 programs and systems in the state and development of a
11 comprehensive recovery treatment center would serve the
12 inpatient treatment needs of all counties in the broader
13 northern New Mexico region, particularly the northeastern
14 counties in which no inpatient treatment facility currently
15 exists; and

16 WHEREAS, the problems of drug abuse, alcohol abuse and
17 addiction are regional and demand cooperation and resources
18 from all levels of government, as well as from the nonprofit
19 and private sectors;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the problems of drug abuse, alcohol abuse
22 and addiction be recognized as creating a public health crisis
23 in the northeast region of New Mexico, including local
24 collaborative four's service area of Mora, San Miguel and
25 Guadalupe counties; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate be requested to
2 declare its commitment to supporting the planning and
3 development of a comprehensive recovery center in northeastern
4 New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate be requested to
6 declare its support of a regional approach to reducing drug
7 abuse, alcohol abuse and addiction, incorporating all levels of
8 government, as well as the private and nonprofit sectors, in
9 the fight against drug abuse, alcohol abuse and addiction; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the county managers of Mora, San Miguel and
12 Guadalupe counties, the mayor of the city of Las Vegas, the
13 mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, the mayor of the village of
14 Pecos, the mayor of the town of Vaughn, the chief executive
15 officer of alta vista regional hospital, the president of New
16 Mexico highlands university, the chief of operations of el
17 centro family health, the chief executive officer of Mora
18 valley community health services, the chief executive officer
19 of Pecos valley medical center, the New Mexico heroin and
20 opioid prevention and education initiative, the administrator
21 of the New Mexico behavioral health institute at Las Vegas, the
22 administrator of the Guadalupe county hospital in Santa Rosa,
23 the administrator of the miners' Colfax medical center and
24 members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.

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