

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEALTH
3 TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC
4 HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has made
7 the need for a strong public health system more urgent; and

8 WHEREAS, the national conference of state legislatures
9 has begun to focus on public health infrastructure; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a centralized public health
11 infrastructure; and

12 WHEREAS, the state has already developed interagency
13 cooperation among the agencies involved in health care; and

14 WHEREAS, further collaboration among state agencies,
15 local and county governments, academic institutions and
16 nonprofit organizations has the potential to improve the
17 public health infrastructure, improve the health of New
18 Mexicans and reduce costs;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
21 of health be requested to convene a public health task force
22 to study public health infrastructure and procedures in New
23 Mexico; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the areas to be considered
25 for study include, but not be limited to, public health

1 infrastructure, the public health workforce, the status of
2 the social determinants of health and laws that protect
3 public health; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public health task force
5 be requested to recommend strategies for improving public
6 health infrastructure in New Mexico; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of health be
8 requested to include the following participants in the public
9 health task force: relevant state agencies, representatives
10 from local and county governments, relevant academic programs
11 and relevant nonprofit organizations; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and
13 recommendations of the task force be presented to the
14 legislative health and human services committee by December
15 1, 2021; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of health and the
18 executive director of the New Mexico association of counties. =

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