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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING A CONTINUING COLLABORATION AMONG VARIOUS SOCIAL
SERVICES AGENCIES AND ENTITIES TO ENSURE CONTINUED SERVICES FOR
PUBLICLY ASSISTED PERSONS NOW RESIDING IN LONG-TERM CARE
FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, approximately seventy percent of the individuals
in long-term care facilities are receiving public assistance;
and

WHEREAS, congressional revenue reductions may drastically
affect this population and the facilities offering long-term
care; and

WHEREAS, several state agencies, departments and divisions,
as well as many private entities, including ad hoc
organizations, have in the past year participated in various

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1 studies focused on different aspects of long-term care, both
2 inside and outside institutions; and

3 WHEREAS, it is clear that continued and increased
4 collaboration will be of great benefit to the identified
5 population; and

6 WHEREAS, the promise of giving regulatory and funding
7 decision responsibility to the states is a long-sought
8 opportunity to create a service delivery system based on the
9 needs of individuals, not on federal reporting and reprisal
10 concerns; and

11 WHEREAS, this opportunity can lift New Mexico to the
12 forefront of compassionate and responsible public care-giving;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a continuing collaborative effort on
15 the part of all these entities be led by the human services
16 department, aimed at ensuring a continuation of services for
17 individuals at risk of loss of services, including various
18 levels of institutional, community and in-home care; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that representation from the
20 appropriate divisions of the department of health, the human
21 services department, the medicaid advisory group, the children,
22 youth and families department, the New Mexico health policy
23 commission, the state agency on aging, the New Mexico office of
24 Indian affairs, the attorney general's office, consumer,
25 continuum and advocacy groups and professional and provider

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1 groups and associations, including organizations and groups
2 representing private funding sources, be included in this
3 collaborative group; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of this
5 collaborative effort be presented by the human services
6 department to the health care task force and to the interim
7 legislative health and human services committee at their
8 respective September 1996 meetings; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
10 to all the entities named and that the human services department
11 invite all other appropriate entities to participate.