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SENATE MEMORIAL 24

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE LABOR
DEPARTMENT CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ENCOURAGING PUBLIC
AND EMPLOYER ACCEPTANCE OF BREAST-FEEDING.

WHEREAS, the surgeon general of the United States
recommends that babies from birth to one year of age be
breast-fed to attain an optimal healthy start; and

WHEREAS, statistics reveal a declining percentage of
mothers are choosing to breast-feed their babies with nearly
half of all new mothers choosing formula over breast-feeding;
and

WHEREAS, breast milk offers better nutrition, immunity
and digestion and may raise a baby's intelligence quotient;
and

WHEREAS, the social constraints of modern society

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1 militate against the choice of breast-feeding and lead new
2 mothers with demanding time schedules to opt for formula
3 feeding for reasons such as embarrassment and the fear of
4 social ostracism; and

5 WHEREAS, the promotion of family values and infant health
6 demands putting an end to the vicious cycle of embarrassment
7 and ignorance that constricts women and men alike in the
8 subject of breast-feeding and represents hostility to mothers
9 and babies in our culture based on archaic and outdated moral
10 taboos; and

11 WHEREAS, genuine promotion of family values should
12 encourage public acceptance of this most basic act of nurture
13 between mother and baby so that no mother is made to feel
14 socially ostracized for breast-feeding her baby;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
16 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the labor
17 department conduct an educational campaign to encourage public
18 and employer acceptance of breast-feeding; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the department of health and to the labor
21 department.

1 FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to
10 whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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17 Respectfully submitted,

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24 Roman M. Maes, Chairman

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9 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

10 Yes: 6

11 No: 0

12 Excused: Aragon, Kysar, McKibben, Robinson

13 Absent: None

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