

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO
IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE STRATEGY OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS'
PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL PLEDGE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE
PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, a number of tragic incidents have occurred
across the United States in recent years involving gun
violence in public schools; and

WHEREAS, a day of national concern about young people
and gun violence has been held every year for the past four
years, and the student pledge against gun violence was held
on October 21, 1999; and

WHEREAS, by taking part in a national observance, young
people can envision the possibility of reversing the tide of
violence and diminishing one of the greatest threats to
their health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
education be requested to work with local school boards to
develop a strategy promoting the national student pledge
against gun violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the state board of education and the
superintendent of public instruction. _____