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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO UTILIZE LOCAL
RESOURCES TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN THE STATE CHILD HEALTH
INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS, the state child health insurance program is an
excellent opportunity to ensure that New Mexico children from
low-income families receive health services; and**

**WHEREAS, enrollment of New Mexico children in the state
child health insurance program has exceeded some expectations
with current figures reported at six thousand two hundred
fifty-three; and**

**WHEREAS, both the department of health and the human
services department have and continue to make efforts to
enroll eligible children; and**

WHEREAS, there are an estimated sixty to seventy thousand

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1 children eligible for medicaid who are not enrolled; and

2 WHEREAS, throughout New Mexico there are various local
3 public and private agencies, especially nonprofit groups, that
4 work directly with children in need of health services; and

5 WHEREAS, it is within the power of the human services
6 department as administrator of the program to determine how
7 enrollment funds are expended; and

8 WHEREAS, these local agencies and groups often have close
9 one-to-one relationships with thousands of children across the
10 state and have the confidence of the entire family, thereby
11 opening the possibility of overcoming reluctance to apply for
12 government programs; and

13 WHEREAS, contracting with or working through local
14 agencies may well result in substantially increased enrollment
15 in the state child health insurance program;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human
18 services department make every effort to utilize the resources
19 of local agencies and groups who might be very effective in
20 enrolling eligible children in the state child health
21 insurance program; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 sent to the secretary of human services.