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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT
12	OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY THE HEALTH AND
13	EDUCATION BENEFITS OF INCREASED PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND
14	HEALTHY, NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND BEVERAGE ALTERNATIVES IN
15	ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.
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17	WHEREAS, the health and lifestyle of children in
18	elementary schools is of particular concern to New Mexicans;
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20	WHEREAS, some elementary schools feed children products
21	and beverages that offer little nutritional value;
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23	WHEREAS, there has been an inadequate emphasis on
24	promoting physical education and the health benefits of an
25	active lifestyle in elementary schools; and
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WHEREAS, experienced teachers readily testify to the
 negative influence of lack of physical activity and some food
 products and beverages available to elementary school
 children; and

WHEREAS, the state department of public education, the department of health and other interested agencies have a desire and an obligation to address the health and welfare of children attending elementary public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health be requested to lead a study, with the participation of the state department of public education, representatives of food and beverage industries and other interested persons to identify the extent to which the availability of physical education and nutritious food products and beverages can better contribute to healthy lifestyles among elementary school children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study identify measures that can be implemented to promote healthy lifestyles among elementary school children, including physical education and proper availability of certain food products and beverages; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include participation from the health sciences center of the university of New Mexico, a statewide association of nutritionists and other interested parties; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the chairs of the legislative health and human
services committee and the legislative education study
committee, the director of the legislative education study
committee, the secretary of health and the state
superintendent of public instruction.

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