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9	FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
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11	A JOINT MEMORIAL
12	REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN COOPERATION WITH THE
13	GAMING CONTROL BOARD TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE COST AND IMPACT
14	OF PROBLEM GAMBLING AND GAMBLING ADDICTION ON THE STATE OF NEW
15	MEXICO AND ITS CITIZENS.
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17	WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico approved a state-run
18	lottery in 1996 and casino and slot machine gambling in 1997;
19	and
20	WHEREAS, in approving gambling, the state required that a
21	portion of the gaming revenues received from tribal casino and
22	racetrack gambling be spent on prevention and treatment of
23	problem gambling and gambling addiction; and
24	WHEREAS, the department of health and the university of
25	New Mexico completed a study of gambling-related problems in
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WHEREAS, based on a questionnaire, the study determined that there were over forty thousand "serious problem gamblers" in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the study did not result in any new funding for the treatment of problem gambling and gambling addiction; and

WHEREAS, there has been no recent effort to study the impact of problem gambling and gambling addiction in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the gaming control board and numerous other organizations with an interest in problem gambling have formed an alliance to serve as a focal point for the evaluation of resources directed to the prevention and treatment of problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, Indian tribes operating gaming facilities in accordance with contracts signed with the state of New Mexico have agreed to expend certain sums on gaming education and prevention; and

WHEREAS, a statewide alliance of New Mexico gaming tribes has been formed to work with the state and other entities on gaming-related issues; and

WHEREAS, though the department of health is not a member of this alliance, it does play a significant role in the prevention and treatment of other addictions;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study identify resources that may be applied to prevention and treatment of problem gambling and make legislative recommendations for additional resources, if necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this group report its findings and recommendations to the legislative health and human services committee at its October 2002 meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to the department of health, the gaming control board and the legislative health and human services committee.

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