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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 63**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THAT THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND  
PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT COORDINATE AN EFFORT TO BETTER  
PUBLICIZE THE SAFE HAVEN FOR INFANTS ACT.**

**WHEREAS, abandonment of a newborn infant is a tragic  
occurrence; and**

**WHEREAS, such a tragedy is totally unnecessary in New  
Mexico since state law allows a person to surrender an infant  
to a hospital or health care clinic without fear of  
prosecution; and**

**WHEREAS, every effort should be made by the state to  
protect unwanted infants from unsafe abandonment by providing  
posters or other information at schools, hospitals, health care  
clinics and any other appropriate locations;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE**

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families  
2 department and the public education department be requested to  
3 work together to improve publicity about the Safe Haven for  
4 Infants Act; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the agencies collaborate with  
6 the statewide associations of primary care physicians,  
7 hospitals, health care clinics and family planning  
8 organizations for disseminating the materials developed; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families  
11 and the secretary of public education.