

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 43

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZE THE ISSUE OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND ENDORSE THE VIEWING OF *GARY AND THE ANGELS* TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THIS SYNDROME AND THAT STATE AGENCIES WORK WITH PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES TO TAKE TANGIBLE STEPS TO END FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME.

WHEREAS, fetal alcohol syndrome is a chronic yet preventable problem and education is the best tool for prevention; and

WHEREAS, the film *Gary and the Angels* is based on the life of a Gallup resident, Gary Murphy, who lives with fetal alcohol syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the film is available to educational, public and

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1 private sector institutions for viewing and can bring about
2 awareness to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, the human
5 services department, the children, youth and families
6 department and the public education department be requested to
7 promote the viewing of *Gary and the Angels* to encourage the
8 prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health, the
10 human services department, the children, youth and families
11 department and the public education department be requested to
12 direct staff to become directly involved in facilitating the
13 viewing of *Gary and the Angels*; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that educational facilities and
15 private sector entities be requested to promote the viewing of
16 *Gary and the Angels* to encourage the prevention of fetal
17 alcohol syndrome; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health, the
19 human services department, the children, youth and families
20 department and the public education department report their
21 progress in encouraging the prevention of fetal alcohol
22 syndrome to the interim legislative health and human services
23 committee by November 1, 2006; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the secretaries of health, human services,

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1 children, youth and families and public education and to the
2 chair of the interim legislative health and human services
3 committee.

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