

A MEMORIAL

CONGRATULATING SAN MIGUEL COUNTY FOR ITS ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROJECT FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND PROVIDING AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE TO ITS UNINSURED PERSONS WITHOUT INCREASING GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the San Miguel board of county commissioners has involved itself in a multistate pilot program to benefit the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, that pilot program makes significant reductions in rates for health care services and yet requires no new state funds; and

WHEREAS, through the system, employers and working taxpayers can budget for health care costs at affordable levels similar to average rates from five years ago; and

WHEREAS, through the system, providers are able to substantially discount their rates because they are guaranteed cash flow without long waiting periods or administrative overhead and billing costs; and

WHEREAS, the new program also creates a high-risk pool of persons who are not currently insured through seed money from federal grants; and

WHEREAS, removing the most expensive cases from the pool reduces the costs for those with less critical needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the San Miguel county board of commissioners be congratulated for its dedication in finding and carrying out a multistate pilot program that will save its residents money while giving more residents access to health care; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Miguel county be encouraged to access federal funds to continue the pilot program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the San Miguel county board of commissioners, the governor, the secretary of health and the secretary of human services.