

1 A MEMORIAL

2 ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEN TO BE ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND
3 FAMILIES AND COMMENDING A PROJECT IN ALBUQUERQUE'S SOUTH
4 VALLEY FOR ITS SUCCESSES IN ENCOURAGING YOUNG MEN TO BECOME
5 ACTIVE.

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7 WHEREAS, the south valley male involvement project since
8 2004 has encouraged young men to become more closely involved
9 with their communities and families through innovative
10 outreach integrated with clinical services; and

11 WHEREAS, young male involvement in sexual reproductive
12 health, including discussions on abstinence and comprehensive
13 sexual education, information on clinical services and
14 testing and discussion of risky behaviors, is key to ensuring
15 that young men understand they are mutual contributors to
16 pregnancy; and

17 WHEREAS, fostering young men's self-respect helps
18 encourage them to respect their partners and the community as
19 a whole; and

20 WHEREAS, the south valley male involvement project has
21 initiated a special bilingual Spanish-English project
22 focusing on weekly discussion of male issues among fourteen
23 to eighteen-year-old men; and

24 WHEREAS, discussion sessions within the project as well
25 as songs and public service announcements written by project

1 members have motivated the young men and others to become
2 more involved with family and community; and

3 WHEREAS, basketball tournaments and teen dances
4 sponsored and organized by the south valley male involvement
5 project help to combat obesity as well as providing positive
6 resources and healthy alternatives; and

7 WHEREAS, such social outreach to young men gives them a
8 chance to become active contributors to a sense of community
9 and to a betterment of community as well as helping the world
10 become safer from violence; and

11 WHEREAS, decreased rates of teen pregnancy and sexually
12 transmitted infections are likely to result from more male
13 involvement in family and community;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the south valley male involvement
16 project be recognized and endorsed for its innovative and
17 creative approaches to reaching out to youth and addressing
18 public health issues; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the south valley male
20 involvement project be encouraged to increase its financial
21 resources and replicate itself throughout the state; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the south valley male involvement project. _____