

1 A MEMORIAL

2 URGING CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE AND ADEQUATELY FUND THE STATE
3 CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
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5 WHEREAS, the health of New Mexico's children is of
6 paramount importance to families in the state; and

7 WHEREAS, the poor health of children is a threat to the
8 educational achievement and social and psychological
9 well-being of the children of New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, protecting the health of children is essential
11 to the well-being of the youngest citizens and the quality of
12 life in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, the state children's health insurance program
14 is an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits
15 for the children of the state of New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, the value of the state children's health
17 insurance program in preserving child wellness, preventing
18 and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes and
19 reducing overall health costs is well-recognized; and

20 WHEREAS, federal funding available for the state
21 children's health insurance program is indispensable to
22 providing health benefits for children of modest means;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's congressional
25 delegation be urged to ensure the timely reauthorization and

1 adequate funding of the state children's health insurance
2 program; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the
4 governor to use his best efforts to work with New Mexico's
5 congressional delegation to ensure that the state children's
6 health insurance program is reauthorized in a timely manner;
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge all
9 components of state government to work together with
10 educators, health care providers, social workers and parents
11 to improve health benefits for uninsured children; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature urge the
13 governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful
14 assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify
15 for medicaid or the New Mexico state children's health
16 insurance program; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to
19 the governor. _____

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