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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO EXAMINE THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES AND TO
DEVELOP A PUBLIC SAFETY FRAMEWORK TO ACCESS ACCURATE DATA,
ANALYZE CRIME PATTERNS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO DIRECT
FUNDING AND RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, high rates of property crime and violent crime in
New Mexico create a serious detriment to the quality of life
for New Mexico residents; and

WHEREAS, the federal bureau of investigation's *Crime in
the United States* report released in September 2017 indicated
that violent crime in New Mexico increased by six and eight-
tenths percent and property crime increased by six and two-
tenths percent across the state between 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, creating safer communities is the goal of all

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1 state public safety entities; and

2 WHEREAS, law enforcement models focused largely or
3 exclusively on punishment have not been successful in moving
4 New Mexico forward; and

5 WHEREAS, ensuring a safe and secure environment for
6 residents would entail a coordinated effort by all law
7 enforcement agencies, the department of public safety, the
8 courts, the corrections department, public defenders, district
9 attorneys, university police, tribal police and other parties
10 as identified; and

11 WHEREAS, currently, New Mexico does not have a coordinated
12 public safety framework that can function strategically to
13 access good data, analyze crime patterns or make
14 recommendations to direct funding and resources; and

15 WHEREAS, core components that need to be addressed include
16 juvenile justice, mental and behavioral issues, education and
17 socioeconomic factors; and

18 WHEREAS, a coordinated statewide public safety framework
19 taking a holistic approach is needed to address the multiple
20 factors that contribute to increased crime and jeopardize
21 public safety; and

22 WHEREAS, the department of public safety protects human
23 life and property through the detection and prevention of
24 criminal activity and enforcement of state laws and rules; and

25 WHEREAS, additionally, the department of public safety

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1 provides leadership, scientific, training and technical and
2 operational support to the criminal justice community; and

3 WHEREAS, the department of public safety could coordinate
4 a task force focused on developing a public safety framework to
5 identify the resources of each public safety entity in the
6 state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of public safety be
9 requested to convene a task force to create a statewide public
10 safety framework that would:

11 A. examine the needs of municipalities and counties
12 to address crime;

13 B. consider changes to the Criminal Code to move
14 toward internal consistency;

15 C. gather accurate data across agencies to develop
16 a more scientific-based model that reflects accurate crime
17 patterns and helps inform decisions; and

18 D. address stable and adequate funding to build and
19 sustain a holistic criminal justice system based on the state's
20 circumstances, background and needs; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force develop a
22 public safety framework to provide a matrix to illustrate
23 various efforts, programs and initiatives against their costs
24 and to evaluate the proposed results; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to

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1 include participation of representatives of the department of
2 public safety, municipal and county law enforcement agencies,
3 the courts, the corrections department, the public defender
4 department, the district attorneys, university police
5 departments, tribal police and any other relevant parties; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force present its
7 recommendations to the appropriate legislative interim
8 committee dealing with courts, corrections and justice issues
9 and the legislative finance committee by November 30, 2018; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the secretary of public safety, municipal chiefs
12 of police and county sheriffs, the director of the
13 administrative office of the district attorneys, the chief
14 public defender, university police chiefs, tribal police
15 chiefs, the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council and
16 the legislative finance committee.

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