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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT CHILDPROOF SAFETY DEVICES BE DESIGNED INTO OR
REQUIRED FOR FIREARMS.

WHEREAS, it is recognized that a firearm is a dangerous
weapon and extremely hazardous when in the possession of a
child; and

WHEREAS, the safety and protection of children is one of
the highest priorities of the state, and essential to order and
progress in society; and

WHEREAS, a child is more likely than an adult to mishandle
a firearm, with potentially fatal or grave consequences; and

WHEREAS, parents should take responsibility to ensure the
safety of their children; and

WHEREAS, a requirement that firearms be designed and
manufactured with childproof safety devices would be a major

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1 step in guarding the safety of our children; and

2 WHEREAS, the design and retrofitting of existing firearms
3 with childproof safety devices is entirely possible if society
4 has the will to require this policy;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that the congress of the United States be
7 requested to require all manufacturers of firearms to produce
8 only weapons that have built-in childproof safety devices; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these same manufacturers be
10 requested to design and market childproof safety devices that
11 can be retrofitted to firearms; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all retailers of firearms in
13 New Mexico be requested to express to the firearms industry the
14 need for childproof safety devices to retrofit existing firearms
15 and for the availability from manufacturers of only firearms
16 that include childproof safety devices; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent
18 to each firearms retailer in New Mexico listed with the bureau
19 of alcohol, tobacco and firearms of the United States department
20 of the treasury.