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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL				
11	RELATING TO HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED LONG-TERM CARE POLICY AND				
12	INTEGRATED SERVICE SYSTEMS.				
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14	WHEREAS, thousands of New Mexicans are in need of home				
15	and community based long-term care options and cost-effective				
16	alternatives to current services and programs; and				
17	WHEREAS, every state agency involved in long-term care				
18	issues and planning through program development, service				
19	delivery and funding has approached these issues from				
20	differing perspectives and funding requests because no				
21	infrastructure exists that facilitates cooperation; and				
22	WHEREAS, the state agencies involved in long-term care				
23	include, but are not limited to, the state agency on aging;				
24	the human services department; the department of health; the				
25	children, youth and families department; the governor's				
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WHEREAS, the myriad of state agencies involved in longterm care issues and planning has resulted in confusion and uncertainty regarding how best to address the needs of disabled and elderly New Mexicans in need of home and community based long-term care; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has long mandated the development of a long-term care system, and the executive's approved plan for managed care includes long-term care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all state agencies involved in longterm care shall strive to ensure that the quality of life of long-term care consumers be maintained and improved by these agencies working cooperatively together to develop, with the state agency on aging as the lead agency, a comprehensive statewide home and community based long-term care policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this effort reduce the duplication and fragmentation of home and community based long-term care services, programs and funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the policy mandate coordination of efforts to provide consumers with adequate access to appropriate home and community based long-term care services; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study give priority to and accelerate home and community based services and programs in the least restrictive environments and appropriate settings and remove and reduce biases in favor of institutional care by providing cost-effective alternatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this cooperation result in an infrastructure for providing quality home and community based long-term care services that include an effective screening and referral system and that also incorporate the recommendations of the H.O.M.E. (home options mission for everyone) coalition which have been developed following a series of statewide town hall meetings that allowed providers of, advocates for and persons in need of long-term care to present their concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agency on aging present to the legislature and the executive for their consideration during the 1999 legislative session a comprehensive, statewide home and community based long-term care policy that reflects discussions with and input from all state agencies involved in the development or administration of long-term care services or support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this joint memorial be sent to the director of the state agency on aging for appropriate distribution.

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