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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1999

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE APPROPRIATE
INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, every child has the right to a loving and
nurturing family; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico, through its children,
youth and families department, is recognized as one of the
leading states in the union for the number of adoption
placements; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico and the children, youth
and families department desire to continue to serve the
children and families ready for adoption in the most effective
and efficient manner and with the highest quality of service
possible; and

WHEREAS, the United States congress enacted and President
Clinton signed house resolution 3448 in 1996 to provide a
federal tax credit for adoptive families; and

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WHEREAS, President Clinton pushed in 1996 for an initiative to "make adoption a reality for America's most vulnerable children", and he and the first lady called for doubling of the number of adoptions by the year 2002;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Adoption 2000 Initiative undertaken by President William J. Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham-Clinton be supported; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative council be requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to study ways New Mexico can encourage and increase the number of adoptions in the state and report its recommendations to the legislature by November 1, 1999; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to members of the legislative council.