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1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF AGING AND LONG-TERM SERVICES TO
3 CONVENE A NEW MEXICO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE.

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5 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, fatal
6 disease of the brain that destroys mental and physical
7 functions; and

8 WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not a part of the normal
9 aging process; and

10 WHEREAS, there is no known cure for Alzheimer's disease;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, every sixty-nine seconds, someone in America
13 develops Alzheimer's disease; and

14 WHEREAS, an estimated five million four hundred thousand
15 Americans now live with Alzheimer's disease; and

16 WHEREAS, it has been estimated that by mid-century,
17 someone will develop Alzheimer's disease every thirty-three
18 seconds; and

19 WHEREAS, data indicate that Hispanics are about one and
20 one-half times as likely to have Alzheimer's disease or other
21 dementia as older non-Hispanic whites; and

22 WHEREAS, by the fall of 2011, thirty states and the
23 District of Columbia had developed or were in the process of
24 developing state plans in response to the prevalence of
25 Alzheimer's disease; and

1 WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2025, New Mexico is projected
2 to experience a fifty-nine percent growth rate of people with
3 this devastating disease; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico will soon have forty thousand
5 residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary
8 of aging and long-term services be requested to convene a New
9 Mexico Alzheimer's disease task force to assess the impact of
10 and make policy recommendations regarding Alzheimer's disease
11 in the state; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed
13 of the following members:

14 A. the secretary of health or the secretary's
15 designee;

16 B. the secretary of veterans' services or the
17 secretary's designee;

18 C. the secretary of human services or the
19 secretary's designee;

20 D. the secretary of Indian affairs or the
21 secretary's designee;

22 E. one individual living with Alzheimer's disease,
23 appointed by the governor;

24 F. one individual who serves as a caregiver to an
25 individual living with Alzheimer's disease, appointed by the

1 governor;

2 G. one representative of the nursing facility
3 industry, appointed by the New Mexico health care association;

4 H. one representative of the assisted living
5 industry, appointed by the assisted living services
6 organization;

7 I. one representative of the adult day care
8 services industry, appointed by the New Mexico association of
9 adult day care;

10 J. one representative of the hospice and home
11 health care industry, appointed by the New Mexico association
12 for home and hospice care;

13 K. one representative of the medical care provider
14 community, appointed by the director of the university of New
15 Mexico geriatric education center;

16 L. one individual who engages in research related
17 to Alzheimer's disease, appointed by the Alzheimer's
18 association;

19 M. one representative of AARP, appointed by AARP;

20 N. one representative of the department of
21 health's office of primary care and rural health, appointed by
22 the director of the office of primary care and rural health;

23 O. one representative of the developmental
24 disabilities planning council, appointed by the developmental
25 disabilities planning council;

1 P. one representative of the Alzheimer's
2 association, appointed by the Alzheimer's association;

3 Q. the director of the medical assistance division
4 of the human services department or the director's designee;

5 R. one representative from each of the four area
6 agencies on aging, appointed by the bureau chief of the senior
7 services bureau of the aging and long-term services
8 department;

9 S. one representative of the program for all-
10 inclusive care for the elderly in New Mexico, appointed by
11 total community care of New Mexico; and

12 T. one representative representing law
13 enforcement, appointed by the secretary of public safety; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include an
15 examination of the following matters in its assessments and
16 recommendations:

17 A. trends and needs among the population of
18 individuals living with Alzheimer's disease in the state,
19 including the changing population living with dementia; the
20 state's role in long-term care; family caregiver support; and
21 the available assistance to individuals living with
22 Alzheimer's disease and with developmental disabilities;

23 B. the type, cost and availability of services for
24 individuals living with dementia;

25 C. dementia-specific training requirements for

1 those working with individuals living with dementia;

2 D. the quality care measures for providers who
3 deliver services to individuals living with Alzheimer's
4 disease;

5 E. the capacity of public safety and law
6 enforcement to respond to individuals living with Alzheimer's
7 disease;

8 F. the availability of home- and community-based
9 resources for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease;

10 G. the availability of respite care to assist
11 family members who are caring for individuals living with
12 Alzheimer's disease;

13 H. an inventory of long-term care dementia care
14 units;

15 I. the adequacy and appropriateness of geriatric-
16 psychiatric units for persons living with behavior disorders
17 associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia;

18 J. assisted living options for individuals living
19 with dementia;

20 K. state support of Alzheimer's disease research
21 through New Mexico universities and other resources; and

22 L. state policies or resources that are needed,
23 including directions for the provision of clear and
24 coordinated services and supports to individuals and families
25 living with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, as well

1 as strategies to address any identified gaps in services; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of aging and
3 long-term services or the secretary's designee be requested to
4 convene the task force by April 30, 2012; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aging and long-term
6 services department be requested to provide the facilities and
7 administrative support that are necessary for the task force's
8 work; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested
10 to hold public meetings and use technology, such as
11 webcasting, to gather feedback and recommendations from
12 individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and
13 the general public; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task
15 force be requested to serve without compensation, except any
16 per diem or expense reimbursement to which they are
17 individually entitled as members of their respective
18 constituent organizations; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested
20 to submit by November 1, 2013 a report of its findings and
21 date-specific recommendations to the governor and to the
22 legislative health and human services committee; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to each official or organization being requested
25 to serve on or select a member of the task force and to the

1 chair and vice chair of the legislative health and human
2 services committee.

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