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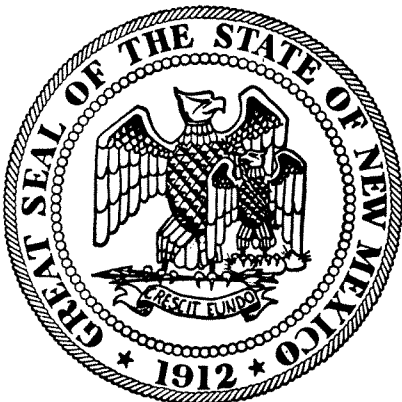
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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE ANTONIO "MOE" MAESTAS



1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A STATEWIDE  
3 DATABASE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND  
4 ANGER MANAGEMENT COUNSELING AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

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6 WHEREAS, substance abuse treatment and prevention  
7 programs are spread throughout the state; and

8 WHEREAS, the spectrum of substance abuse programs runs  
9 the gamut from drug addiction to alcohol treatment and from  
10 prevention to crisis management; and

11 WHEREAS, the need for substance abuse programs often  
12 presents itself as urgent when a person is in need of  
13 intervention or treatment; and

14 WHEREAS, finding help in a substance abuse program often  
15 requires a waiting period; and

16 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there is a system of substance  
17 abuse and treatment programs that is difficult to navigate,  
18 making it difficult to coordinate an available treatment slot  
19 with an appropriate location; and

20 WHEREAS, responsibility and accountability for domestic  
21 violence programs are similarly spread across agencies and  
22 throughout the state and, therefore, programs are difficult to  
23 access; and

24 WHEREAS, anger management and counseling are critically  
25 important to reducing violence and improving the viability of

1 New Mexico families;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human  
4 services department and the department of health be requested  
5 to coordinate their staff and make efforts to create a  
6 database of substance abuse programs and domestic violence and  
7 anger management counseling and treatment programs and make it  
8 available to providers, health and psychological professionals  
9 and others who may need to refer clients for treatment; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the database and an  
11 inventory of all substance abuse programs be continuously  
12 updated and maintained; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a representative of the  
14 human services department and a representative of the  
15 department of health provide an update to the legislative  
16 health and human services committee during the 2008 interim on  
17 the departments' efforts to create and maintain such a  
18 database; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the secretary of human services, the secretary  
21 of health, the New Mexico medical society and the chair of the  
22 legislative health and human services committee.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

S/ STEPHEN R. ARIAS  
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