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1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION TO CONTINUE
3 THE TASK FORCE ON OBSTETRIC HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER LIABILITY
4 INSURANCE.

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6 WHEREAS, there is a continuing crisis in obstetric
7 health care access because malpractice premiums for all types
8 of health care providers, including certified nurse-midwives,
9 primary care physicians and obstetricians, are escalating; and

10 WHEREAS, those escalating costs threaten access to
11 childbirth services, especially in underserved and rural areas
12 where certified nurse-midwives provide many services; and

13 WHEREAS, one-third of all vaginal births in New Mexico
14 are delivered by certified nurse-midwives; and

15 WHEREAS, various task forces have been working to find
16 solutions to this problem for three years;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
19 health policy commission be requested to continue the work of
20 its task force on health care practitioner liability insurance
21 to find solutions to the continuing crisis in obstetric health
22 care; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit its
24 findings and recommendations by October 2008 to the
25 legislative health and human services committee, the

1 legislative finance committee and the office of the governor;
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the New Mexico health policy commission and the
5 chair of the legislative health and human services committee.
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