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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE OF THE PUBLIC
REGULATION COMMISSION TO CONVENE A HEALTH CARE REFORM WORKING
GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE
LEGISLATURE REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF
ANY FEDERAL AND STATE HEALTH CARE REFORM MEASURES THAT MAY
OCCUR.

WHEREAS, the United States congress has been considering
health care reform legislation; and

WHEREAS, many components of the proposed federal health
care reform legislation call for some degree of action by the
states; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has for many years been a leader in
venturing forward with incremental health care reform
measures; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the status of any federal health
care reform legislation this year, New Mexico must be in a
position to make a well-planned response to a number of
different health care reform options; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico should be poised to maximize any
federal assistance in implementing and supplementing health
care reform measures in the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has reaped many benefits as the
result of having been one of the states to make quickest use

1 of federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
2 funding opportunities; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico would likely benefit greatly if it
4 were prepared to show the same kind of initiative in
5 implementing its role in any nationwide health care reform
6 effort as it has in making use of the opportunities afforded
7 by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the superintendent of insurance of
10 the public regulation commission be requested to convene a
11 health care reform working group with membership drawn from
12 the department of health, the human services department, the
13 legislative finance committee, the legislative health and
14 human services committee, the insurance division of the
15 public regulation commission, the New Mexico medical
16 insurance pool and the New Mexico health insurance alliance;
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico legislative
19 council appoint the legislative members of the working group;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform
22 working group meet monthly from March through September 2010;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform
25 working group receive staff assistance from state agencies,

1 the legislative finance committee and the legislative council
2 service as appropriate to carry out the work of the health
3 care reform working group; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform
5 working group receive input and recommendations from the
6 public and from advisory groups for consideration and that
7 the health care reform working group present to the governor
8 and the legislature recommendations and proposed action steps
9 for administrative, legislative, regulatory, operational and
10 financial initiatives necessary to implement and supplement
11 any federal health care reform legislation; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform
13 working group make recommendations regarding the creation of
14 any exchanges or other entities designated in any federal
15 legislation; the creation of any other entities the health
16 care reform working group considers necessary to supplement
17 any federal reforms; whatever changes in state regulations
18 are necessary to reconcile differences or conflicts between
19 federal and New Mexico insurance regulations; state
20 strategies to get access to any federal money available for
21 health care work force development, medicaid, community
22 clinics, addressing health care disparities and health care
23 information systems; any restructuring of medical assistance
24 programs to maximize federal funds; and other health-related
25 issues; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform
2 working group receive recommendations from consumers;
3 advocates; licensed health care providers; health insurers;
4 payers, including employers and federal and state agencies;
5 Native American nations, tribes and pueblos; and other
6 interested parties as it deems necessary; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the health care reform
8 working group present its recommendations to the governor,
9 the legislative finance committee and the legislative health
10 and human services committee by October 1, 2010; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor; the chairs of the New Mexico
13 health policy commission, the legislative finance committee
14 and the legislative health and human services committee; the
15 co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council; the
16 superintendent of insurance; the secretary of human services;
17 and the secretary of health.