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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE BEHAVIORAL
12 HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
14 DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER THE
15 FEASIBILITY OF USING THE LOS LUCEROS HISTORIC PROPERTY FOR A
16 RECOVERY CENTER SERVING AT-RISK YOUTH, INCLUDING YOUNG MOTHERS
17 WITH SMALL CHILDREN.

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19 WHEREAS, the cultural affairs department is responsible
20 for the oversight of the Los Luceros historic property; and

21 WHEREAS, the mission of the cultural affairs department is
22 to preserve, foster and interpret New Mexico's diverse
23 cultural, scientific and artistic heritage and expression for
24 present and future generations, enhancing the quality of life
25 and economic well-being of the state; and

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1 WHEREAS, in keeping with its mission and the deed
2 restrictions for the property, the cultural affairs department
3 has established four guiding principles for evaluating programs
4 for, and uses of, the Los Luceros historic property; and

5 WHEREAS, these principles are:

6 A. to preserve and maintain historic structures on
7 the property and to provide opportunities to foster and
8 interpret the history of the property;

9 B. to preserve the agricultural use of the
10 property, specifically the apple orchard and pasture within
11 view of the hacienda;

12 C. to provide for protection of the environmental
13 elements on the property, including irrigated lands, the bosque
14 and the Rio Grande; and

15 D. to manage the property to enhance the quality of
16 life and economic well-being of the community; and

17 WHEREAS, maintenance and operation of the property are
18 estimated to cost approximately four hundred thousand dollars
19 (\$400,000) to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
20 annually; and

21 WHEREAS, among the options considered by the cultural
22 affairs department for the Los Luceros historic property are to
23 enter into public and private partnerships that combine
24 maintenance of the property, its operation as a historic
25 property, educational programs, job training, agriculture and

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1 community-based programs; and

2 WHEREAS, breaking the cycle of substance abuse in the
3 Espanola valley in Rio Arriba county in particular, and in New
4 Mexico in general, will require an innovative alternative to
5 incarceration, hospitalization or no treatment for certain at-
6 risk groups; and

7 WHEREAS, there are not enough programs in New Mexico to
8 address at-risk youth, foster children who age out of foster
9 care and young mothers with small children; and

10 WHEREAS, a recovery program for this at-risk population
11 could be based upon the guiding principles established by the
12 cultural affairs department for the maintenance and use of the
13 Los Luceros historic property; and

14 WHEREAS, such a program could include maintenance of the
15 property, agricultural production, environmental protection, a
16 foundation that operates a museum and gift shop on the
17 property, food service for visitors and opportunities for
18 physical health and life skills preparation through the
19 participation and engagement of young people; and

20 WHEREAS, such a program has the potential to defray the
21 baseline costs associated with maintaining the property, while
22 giving at-risk youth, foster children who age out of foster
23 care and young mothers with children the opportunity to become
24 healthy and productive in a setting that supports recovery;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the cultural affairs department, the
2 behavioral health services division of the human services
3 department, the department of health and the children, youth
4 and families department be requested to establish a working
5 group to consider the feasibility of using the Los Luceros
6 historic property for a recovery center through a public-
7 private partnership, consistent with the cultural affairs
8 department's guiding principles for the property; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group report its
10 findings to the legislative health and human services
11 committee, the courts, corrections and justice committee and
12 the legislative finance committee by September 1, 2013; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs, the acting
15 director of the behavioral health services division of the
16 human services department, the secretary of health, the
17 secretary of children, youth and families and the governor.