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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE TO STUDY
THE FEASIBILITY OF INCORPORATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
TRAINING IN MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA.

WHEREAS, middle school and high school curricula are
designed to address current and pressing issues that affect the
well-being of New Mexico's children and prepare young adults
for healthy and successful futures; and

WHEREAS, these programs are important to help students
build vital life skills and a strong foundation for healthy,
crime-free lives; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking awareness prepares individuals
to identify signs of dangerous and criminal behavior within
their personal experiences; and

WHEREAS, there is strong evidence of a low level of

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1 understanding of the realities and dangers of human trafficking
2 in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the New Mexico human trafficking task force is a
4 federally funded collaborative task force that includes service
5 providers, representatives from nonprofit organizations, faith-
6 based organizations and the children, youth and families
7 department, local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement
8 agencies and prosecutorial agencies from around the state
9 "whose sole purpose is to implement a collaborative approach to
10 combating all forms of human trafficking within New Mexico, sex
11 trafficking and labor trafficking of foreign nationals and
12 United States citizens of all sexes and ages"; and

13 WHEREAS, since 2015, the New Mexico human trafficking task
14 force has been meeting quarterly to gather information and
15 fulfill its purpose in New Mexico;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
18 human trafficking task force be requested to:

19 A. review ways to incorporate curricula into middle
20 schools and high schools to educate children on human
21 trafficking awareness across the state;

22 B. explore methods to introduce and support middle
23 school and high school human trafficking awareness programs in
24 New Mexico; and

25 C. seek input from nationwide experts and

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1 successful examples of such programs from outside of New
2 Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of public
4 education be requested to assist the New Mexico human
5 trafficking task force to develop a strategic plan for
6 providing statewide human trafficking awareness in middle
7 schools and high schools to include the following:

8 A. a statement of purpose that describes the
9 objectives the task force will accomplish by implementing a
10 human trafficking awareness education program, the strategies
11 by which those goals will be achieved and a time line for
12 achieving those goals;

13 B. a plan for expanding human trafficking awareness
14 educational opportunities to every middle school and high
15 school in the state within five years;

16 C. a plan for the development of rigorous standards
17 and curriculum guidelines for human trafficking awareness
18 education, including ways to incorporate human trafficking
19 awareness into existing standards at the middle school and high
20 school levels;

21 D. a plan for defining high-quality professional
22 learning for teachers to teach human trafficking awareness;

23 E. an ongoing evaluation process overseen by the
24 public education department;

25 F. proposed methods that incorporate the principles

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1 of the strategic plan into the state's public education system
2 as a whole; and

3 G. a plan to ensure long-term sustainability; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the attorney
5 general be requested to provide staff support to the New Mexico
6 human trafficking task force and its education subcommittee;
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education
9 department be requested to encourage and inform superintendents
10 and middle school and high school principals of the necessity
11 for human trafficking awareness programs; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico human
13 trafficking task force be requested to make recommendations to
14 incorporate curricula into middle schools and high schools to
15 educate children on human trafficking awareness across the
16 state; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico human
18 trafficking task force be requested to study ways to reinforce
19 and support middle school and high school human trafficking
20 awareness programs; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico human
22 trafficking task force present its findings and recommendations
23 to the appropriate interim legislative committees by October 1,
24 2023; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico human

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1 trafficking task force be requested to present the strategic
2 plan for providing statewide human trafficking awareness to
3 middle schools and high schools to the legislative education
4 study committee by January 1, 2024; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of public
6 education be requested to make publicly available a strategic
7 plan for providing statewide human trafficking awareness in
8 middle schools and high schools by February 1, 2024; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the governor, the office of the attorney
11 general, the director of the New Mexico human trafficking task
12 force, the secretary of public education, the secretary of
13 human services, the secretary of public safety, the chair of
14 the legislative health and human services committee and the
15 chair of the legislative education study committee.