

1 HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 34
2 44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL
11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO DIRECT THE
12 APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY OPTIONS FOR THE
13 EFFECTIVE PREVENTION OF VIOLENT ACTS TOWARD WILDLIFE THAT
14 RESULT FROM MALICIOUS, IGNORANT OR EVIL BEHAVIOR AND HAVE NO
15 LEGITIMATE PURPOSE AND TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO SEE IF THERE IS A
16 CORRELATION BETWEEN CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND CRUELTY TO PEOPLE.

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18 WHEREAS, New Mexico citizens, including the wild friends,
19 are concerned about violence to wildlife resulting from
20 malicious, ignorant or evil behavior; and

21 WHEREAS, threats to wildlife include violent and harmful
22 acts with no legitimate purpose, and legitimate purposes
23 include protection of humans and domestic animals, lawful
24 hunting and fishing activities and other acts allowed by law;
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1 WHEREAS, violence that occurs towards wild life,
2 especially to birds, fish, reptiles and small mammals,
3 includes such cruel actions as burning animals alive, using
4 animals for target practice, killing with firecrackers or
5 other explosives, poisoning, beating, breaking bones or
6 cutting off body parts, decapitation and electrocution; and

7 WHEREAS, youth who do violence to all kinds of animals
8 often consider it just play or do it from bravado, and without
9 education they may not know that what they are doing is wrong
10 or even illegal; and

11 WHEREAS, people who habitually abuse wild and other
12 animals also may abuse people; and

13 WHEREAS, the wild friends of New Mexico want to bring
14 illegitimate and illegal violence to wildlife to public
15 awareness; and

16 WHEREAS, many people are unaware of the seriousness of
17 the problem of violence to wild life and need to be informed
18 through such methods as public service announcements,
19 brochures, posters and school or public lectures by guest
20 speakers; and

21 WHEREAS, young people should be provided with positive
22 activities after school and receive training and counseling
23 for problems such as anger management and violence; and

24 WHEREAS, laws are created to make wrongful acts, such as
25 poaching, illegal and to establish consequences for those

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1 acts, and certain state programs are created to prevent
2 certain problems, such as violent behavior, from occurring and
3 to help educate people; and

4 WHEREAS, both wild and other animals should be respected,
5 cared for and appreciated for what they provide to humans; and

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico department of game and fish
7 should be recognized for its hunter education program, which
8 has grown from a firearms safety program to a comprehensive
9 program of wildlife identification, ethics, proper shot
10 placement and care of game; and

11 WHEREAS, wild animals that are sick or injured should be
12 rescued and rehabilitated or euthanized at a public facility,
13 and wildlife rehabilitation organizations should be recognized
14 and supported for their efforts; and

15 WHEREAS, people should be encouraged to report or have
16 the right to stop an illegal act of violence to wild and other
17 animals when they witness it; and

18 WHEREAS, the people of New Mexico want to stop the
19 illegal killing of wild life, in part because orphaned young
20 animals are left to suffer and die, which is a crime against
21 the future of the species;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be
24 requested to direct the appropriate interim committee to
25 examine laws against cruelty to wildlife and other animals to

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1 recommend improvements for the effective prevention of violent
2 acts that result from malicious, ignorant or evil behavior and
3 have no legitimate purpose; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee examine the
5 implications of the possible link between habitual violence
6 toward wild and other animals and violence toward humans, and
7 consider requiring counseling and education for offenders; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee examine what
9 state agencies are doing to educate children and adults about
10 these issues; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico legislative
13 council.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

16 1. On page 1, line 15, strike "AND TO CONDUCT A STUDY
17 TO SEE IF" and insert in lieu thereof "RECOGNIZING THAT".
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19 2. On page 3, lines 15 and 16, strike "or have the
20 right to stop".
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22 3. On page 4, line 5, strike "possible".
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Respectfully submitted,

R. David Pederson, Chairman

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Date _____

The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: Luna

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

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Fernando R. Macias, Chairman

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Yes: 6

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No: None

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Excused: Eisenstadt, Griego, Payne, Sanchez

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Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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recommendation that it DO PASS.

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Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

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Yes: 5

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No: Davis

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Excused: Aragon, McSorley

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Absent: None

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