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Simple Title of Memorial: Encouraging the Involvement of School Personal in Regards to the Maintenance of Students' Mental Heath.

MEMORIAL

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT STRONGER REGULATIONS TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE SCHOOL OFFICIALS SUCH AS COUNSELORS AND OTHER ADMINS TO MAINTAIN THE WELL MENTAL STATE OF STUDENTS AS INDIVIDUALS.

WHEREAS, resources being more prominently advertised to the student body would provide a more welcoming environment to those in question of their current mental state; and

WHEREAS, both nationally, and within the state of New Mexico, the lack of a healthy mental state of a student has shown to result in catastrophic events, considering self-harm, suicide, and the harming of others; and

WHEREAS, counselors performing regular check-ins with students, regardless of previous encounters, but solely in concern with providing contact to individuals unfamiliar with or in question of the counseling system, would in turn result in possible success; and

WHEREAS, the average student spends about 50% of their waking day at school. Therefore, the place as individual receives an education should be considered a safe place; one where a student can confide with appropriate faculty and where this said faculty can be trusted to recognize mental distress; and

WHEREAS, the importance of mental health should be regularly advocated for through awareness weeks, months, through posters, school clubs, etc.,; and

WHEREAS, if throughout the academic year, conferences and workshops were to be held and attended by those affiliated, school personal would be better informed of the evolving signs of mental distress amongst youth; and

WHEREAS, the concern of school administration is centered around the well-being of the student individual, and their overall success is measured by the development of a capable student. In turn, the maintenance of a student's healthy mental state should be a top priority of a place of education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE that the New Mexico Public Education Department be requested to implement regulations to more strongly encourage school personal to become both concerned and involved with the betterment of each individual student's mental state, and to take precautionary measures to accomplish so.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico Public Education Department, New Mexico Department of Health, and the appropriate New Mexico legislative committees.