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HOUSE MEMORIAL 56

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO EVALUATE RESEARCH RELATED TO THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE HERBICIDE ROUNDUP AND AUTISM AND ROUNDUP AND FOOD SAFETY.

WHEREAS, the United States centers for disease control and prevention estimates that one in every sixty-eight children has been identified as having an autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, the identification of autism spectrum disorders in people has increased dramatically in recent years; and

WHEREAS, large- and small-scale farmers have increasingly improved their crop production and growing efficiency by using genetically modified Roundup Ready seeds in combination with Roundup, a highly effective herbicide; and

WHEREAS, the key ingredient in Roundup is glyphosate; and
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1 WHEREAS, recent studies, including one published in a
2 scholarly article by scientist Anthony Samsel and Massachusetts
3 institute of technology senior research scientist Stephanie
4 Seneff, have identified a strong correlation between the
5 increased use of glyphosate and the incidence of autism; and

6 WHEREAS, according to that article, glyphosate is toxic to
7 mammals, and its widespread consumption has led to a host of
8 diseases and health conditions; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Seneff has predicted that, by 2025, one in
10 two children will be diagnosed with autism; and

11 WHEREAS, studies also suggest that glyphosate can
12 compromise the physical health of people exposed to it;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children,
15 youth and families department and the department of health be
16 requested to:

17 A. evaluate research related to the theory that the
18 increased human exposure to the herbicide Roundup, as well as
19 food made from ingredients grown using Roundup, correlates
20 closely with the increasing incidence of autism spectrum
21 disorders;

22 B. evaluate research examining the safety of foods
23 produced using glyphosate; and

24 C. estimate the magnitude of the impact of
25 glyphosate on New Mexico children and adults and evaluate the

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1 risks that may be posed to the people of New Mexico by Roundup
2 and food made from ingredients grown using Roundup; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
4 families department and the department of health report their
5 findings to the legislative health and human services committee
6 and the legislative interim committee dealing with water and
7 natural resources; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families
10 and the secretary of health.

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