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SENATE MEMORIAL 3

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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A MEMORIAL

**HONORING THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CLINICS
AND THEIR STAFFS WHO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR OVER TWO
HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND NEW MEXICANS.**

**WHEREAS, it is a priority in the state of New Mexico to
ensure that all New Mexicans have accessible, available and
affordable basic health care services, regardless of their
socio-economic status; and**

**WHEREAS, one hundred twenty primary health care and
dental clinics are located in ninety-two communities in
thirty-one counties providing care to two hundred twenty
thousand New Mexicans in underserved areas regardless of their
ability to pay; and**

**WHEREAS, more than three hundred fifty thousand people in
New Mexico have no medical insurance coverage; and**

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1 WHEREAS, one of every three uninsured New Mexicans
2 receives continuous primary health and dental care at a
3 primary health care clinic; and

4 WHEREAS, more than eighty percent of primary health care
5 clinics are located in rural and frontier areas; and

6 WHEREAS, primary health care clinics offer comprehensive
7 primary and preventive medical and dental care, as well as
8 health education, behavioral health, community outreach and
9 support such as literacy and other education programs in
10 collaboration with other agencies; and

11 WHEREAS, primary health care clinics are actively
12 involved in efforts to assist children and adults to enroll
13 and participate in New Mexikids and medicaid, thereby
14 expanding insurance coverage to those who are eligible; and

15 WHEREAS, studies credit primary health care clinics with
16 saving three dollars for every dollar spent on primary care;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
18 OF NEW MEXICO that Monday, January 29, 2001, be proclaimed
19 "Primary Care Day" in New Mexico to honor the dedicated
20 efforts of more than two thousand health care professionals
21 and staff serving in the state's one hundred twenty primary
22 health care clinics; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans join in
24 saluting and supporting the primary health care clinics that
25 so faithfully and effectively deliver comprehensive primary

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and preventive health care services to needy people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be sent to each of the state's primary health care clinics and to the statewide primary health care association.