

A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 23, 2013 TO BE "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE".

WHEREAS, many consumers and family members must cope with disabling behavioral health illnesses; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the continuum of behavioral health services statewide; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that behavioral health services are consumer- and family-driven; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to increase behavioral health education and training for individuals, families, providers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to promote adequate funding to address the needs of the behavioral health continuum; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure the availability of appropriate pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that behavioral health services are provided in a culturally competent manner; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to use data and information in the decision-making process for the behavioral health continuum in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the behavioral health work force capacity in New Mexico by providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities to clients in New Mexico's behavioral health system; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health consumers, family members, advocates and providers strive to help individuals with behavioral health disorders to lead personally meaningful lives and reach personal goals with resiliency and hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2013 be proclaimed "Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature" to honor the many individuals who devote themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who suffer from behavioral health disorders.