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HOUSE MEMORIAL 22

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING NURSE-MIDWIVES FOR THEIR VITAL ROLE IN NEW MEXICO'S  
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2013  
"NURSE-MIDWIFERY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, nurse-midwives participate in a higher percentage  
of babies born in New Mexico than in any other state, with  
thirty-six percent of all vaginal births performed with  
nurse-midwives; and

WHEREAS, nurse-midwives provide primary care to the women  
of New Mexico throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, the institute of medicine report, "The Future Of  
Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health", recommends that  
nurses, including nurse-midwives, be full partners with  
physicians and other health care professionals in redesigning  
health care in the United States; and

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1           WHEREAS, the report suggests that nurses, including  
2 nurse-midwives, can and should play a fundamental role in  
3 improving the nation's health care system through increased  
4 involvement at the local, state and national levels; and

5           WHEREAS, New Mexico has enacted legislation that  
6 recognizes the scope of nurse-midwifery practice, allowing  
7 nurse-midwives to practice to the full extent of their  
8 education, training and licensure; and

9           WHEREAS, New Mexico nurse-midwives are recognized in  
10 department of health rules as licensed independent  
11 practitioners; and

12           WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico nurse-midwifery  
13 education program has educated over one-third of the  
14 nurse-midwives working in New Mexico, and has one of three  
15 endowed chairs in nurse-midwifery research in the nation; and

16           WHEREAS, the New Mexico affiliate of the American college  
17 of nurse-midwives represents nurse-midwives throughout the  
18 state;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,  
21 2013 be declared "Nurse-Midwifery Day" in the house of  
22 representatives; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the New Mexico affiliate of the American college  
25 of nurse-midwives.

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