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SENATE MEMORIAL 55

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 20, 2013 "SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, a New Mexico state alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of community through programs and services that foster youth development, healthy living and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, more New Mexicans are turning to their Y to become healthier, and the New Mexico state alliance of YMCAs strives to support them in their desire to live a healthier lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, over twenty-eight thousand individuals benefit directly each year from the Y's extensive programming for all ages and interest groups, from toddler activities to teen programs to fitness and wellness opportunities for senior

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1 citizens; and

2 WHEREAS, over fourteen thousand five hundred youths
3 benefit each year from programs such as after-school
4 enrichment, YMCA basketball and volleyball, youth-in-
5 government, yes corp, counselor-in-training, summer camps, teen
6 programs and teen centers, camp Shaver and many other
7 character-building and youth-development programs; and

8 WHEREAS, over one thousand individuals volunteer at YMCAs
9 each year, making the YMCA one of the largest volunteer-led and
10 -driven organizations in New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, each YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board
12 of directors who give generously of their time, money and
13 effort in order that New Mexico residents may grow as
14 responsible members of their families and communities and
15 develop self-confidence and self-respect, as well as an
16 awareness of the rights and worth of every individual; and

17 WHEREAS, each local volunteer board of directors also
18 appreciates that physical and mental health are divine gifts
19 that should be maintained through healthy living and spiritual
20 growth, and serving on the board allows volunteers to develop
21 and use their capacities for leadership; and

22 WHEREAS, nearly two hundred forty thousand dollars
23 (\$240,000) was awarded in financial aid so that everyone,
24 regardless of ability to pay, could participate in the Y, and
25 the YMCA financial aid program depends wholly upon continued

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1 community support, partially through supporters like United Way
2 but also through YMCA memberships, program support and annual
3 campaigns;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
5 OF NEW MEXICO that February 20, 2013 be declared "Support the
6 New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in the senate; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to Stephen Paternoster, chief executive officer,
9 YMCA of central New Mexico.