

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22, 2015 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" IN
3 THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to providing access to
6 quality education for all students, from pre-kindergarten
7 through graduate and doctoral studies; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage
9 that is rooted in its unique history, geography and
10 relations among its people of different identities, varying
11 languages and diverse narratives; and

12 WHEREAS, over the past fifteen years, the organization
13 engaging Latin communities for education, also known as
14 ENLACE New Mexico, has established many great community
15 partnerships, including partnerships with institutions that
16 prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other
17 professions; and

18 WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
19 believes that a multicultural- and multilingual-focused
20 educational initiative will create a world-class educational
21 system for all students; and

22 WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE New Mexico recognizes,
23 validates and embraces the core cultural values of its
24 stakeholders, namely the strength of *familia*, the bonds of
25 *comunidad* and the mutuality of *respeto*; and

1 WHEREAS, grassroots change is needed in New Mexico with
2 students, parents and communities defining the program and
3 policy issues necessary to effect systemic change; and

4 WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have
5 united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation
6 and expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

7 WHEREAS, the legislature has shown its commitment to
8 education by demonstrating its support for programs such as
9 ENLACE New Mexico;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to ENLACE
12 New Mexico for increasing opportunities for academic
13 achievement, school completion and success in higher
14 education for all students in New Mexico; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 22, 2015 be
16 proclaimed "ENLACE New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial
18 be transmitted to the executive director of ENLACE
19 New Mexico. _____