

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 18, 2015 AS "NEW MEXICO GRADS DAY" AT
3 THE NEW MEXICO SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico graduation reality and dual-
6 role skills system, known as NM GRADS, has supported the
7 educational and parenting success of expectant and parenting
8 teens throughout New Mexico since 1989, facilitating the
9 high school completion of four thousand one hundred fifty-
10 three parenting students, while serving a total of fifteen
11 thousand three hundred thirty-three expectant and parenting
12 students and recruiting back into high schools a total of
13 three thousand six hundred eighty-two expectant and
14 parenting teens; and

15 WHEREAS, NM GRADS facilitates student leadership,
16 self-sufficiency and good citizenship as contributing
17 members of society; and

18 WHEREAS, NM GRADS facilitates the pursuit of higher
19 education, technical training and employment; and

20 WHEREAS, NM GRADS provides standards-aligned courses
21 for high school credit taught by highly qualified licensed
22 teachers; and

23 WHEREAS, NM GRADS provides standards-aligned
24 professional development for NM GRADS teachers, child
25 development center staff and school and community partners;

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WHEREAS, NM GRADS provides high quality training and support for state licensed child development centers; and

WHEREAS, NM GRADS cultivates skills for healthy relationships with partners, co-parenting partners, peers, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, NM GRADS educates students on ways to reduce risk-taking behaviors for the entire family;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 18, 2015 be proclaimed "New Mexico GRADS Day" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Vannetta R. Perry, NM GRADS program consultant.
