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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 27, 2016 "HELP-NEW MEXICO, INC. DAY" IN THE SENATE IN HONOR OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S FIFTIETH GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc. was created and incorporated as the home education livelihood program, inc. in 1965 by the interdenominational New Mexico council of churches and its successor, the New Mexico conference of churches and church women united; and

WHEREAS, the founders included pastors, ranchers, farmworkers, housewives, businessmen and government workers; and

WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc. is governed by a diverse board of directors representing the public, businesses, low-income individuals, Native Americans, parents and other community members; and

WHEREAS, over the past fifty years, help-New Mexico, inc. has provided services to over eight hundred sixteen thousand individuals and families, including migrant families, self-employed farmers and ranchers, low-income families, abused and neglected children, senior citizens, people with disabilities and disadvantaged youth; and

WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc.'s current portfolio includes adult education, job training, early childhood

1 development and education, youth development and care,
2 housing construction, rural health clinics, land development,
3 job placement, literacy training, affordable housing,
4 nutritious meals and family counseling; and

5 WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc.'s vision is of a
6 self-sufficient, sustainable organization, well-known and
7 respected throughout the state and nationally as the largest
8 and most effective service provider in New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc.'s history will provide a
10 solid base for growth, but the organization will be looking
11 toward the future; and

12 WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc. will continue to provide
13 family-centered, high-quality care in offices located
14 throughout the state for low-income New Mexicans; and

15 WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc. helps individuals and
16 families reach self-sufficiency by both "teaching them to
17 fish" and "stocking the lake"; and

18 WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc. has been recognized as a
19 primary resource center for low-income families and
20 communities designed around effective partnerships to support
21 client access to comprehensive services; and

22 WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc. seeks to reflect the
23 values and priorities of being self-sufficient, socially
24 accepting, non-discriminatory and effective; and

25 WHEREAS, help-New Mexico, inc.'s governing and advisory

1 boards strive to be active, involved and effective at both
2 oversight and fundraising;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 27, 2016 be declared
5 "Help-New Mexico, Inc. Day" in the senate in honor of its
6 fiftieth golden anniversary; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that help-New Mexico, inc. be
8 recognized for the superior services it provides throughout
9 twenty-two counties in New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the executive director of help-New Mexico,
12 inc. _____

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