

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF
3 YMCAS AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2016 "YMCA DAY" IN THE
4 SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, for one hundred one years, the New Mexico
7 alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of
8 community statewide through youth development, healthy living
9 and social responsibility programs; and

10 WHEREAS, more and more New Mexicans are turning to the
11 YMCA for education on nutrition and diabetes management and
12 other chronic disease management programs to support them in
13 their desires to live healthy lifestyles; and

14 WHEREAS, nearly thirty-eight thousand New Mexicans
15 benefit directly each year from the YMCA's programming for
16 all ages and abilities, programs that include early childhood
17 education, job-readiness programs for teens, fitness and
18 wellness opportunities and healthy-living programs for senior
19 citizens; and

20 WHEREAS, nearly fourteen thousand youths benefit each
21 year from programs, such as YMCA after-school enrichment,
22 youth-in-government, developmental sports, earth service
23 corps, teen life-skills classes, teen centers and camp
24 Shaver; and

25 WHEREAS, almost five hundred individuals volunteer at

1 YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of time and
2 expertise so that others may develop their potential, making
3 New Mexico's alliance of YMCAs one of the largest
4 volunteer-led and volunteer-driven organizations in the
5 state; and

6 WHEREAS, each YMCA is governed by a local volunteer
7 board of directors, whose members believe that every day, the
8 YMCA is working to meet the most pressing needs in their
9 community, from addressing health and educational disparities
10 to providing critical services and support to underserved
11 populations; and

12 WHEREAS, each of the YMCA local volunteer board members
13 gives generously of his or her time, money and effort in
14 order for New Mexicans to grow as responsible members of
15 their families and communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has awarded
17 over seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in financial
18 aid so that everyone, regardless of ability to pay, can
19 participate in the YMCA's activities and programs, which are
20 dependent upon annual campaign donations from YMCA members,
21 community members and community partners;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs be
24 recognized for the important role that the YMCA plays in
25 providing community programs and support to youths, families

