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**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2016 "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY" IN THE  
SENATE.

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans cope with the effects of  
disabling behavioral health disorders; and

WHEREAS, consumers, family members, advocates and  
providers strive to help those with behavioral health disorders  
to lead meaningful lives and reach their goals; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans affected by and advocating on  
behalf of those with behavioral health disorders work to:

- A. improve their and other New Mexicans' health and  
well-being;
- B. ensure that there is a behavioral health  
continuum of care;
- C. increase behavioral health education and

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1 training for individuals, families, providers and the public;

2 D. seek adequate local, state and federal funding  
3 to address behavioral health needs;

4 E. ensure that behavioral health services are  
5 provided in a culturally appropriate manner;

6 F. incorporate data in an evidence-based continuum  
7 of behavioral health care in New Mexico; and

8 G. increase appropriate employment and housing  
9 opportunities for people living with behavioral health  
10 disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, hope, resilience and engagement are essential for  
12 recovery from behavioral health disorders;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
14 OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2016 be declared "Behavioral  
15 Health Day" in the senate to honor the many people who devote  
16 themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the thousands of  
17 voiceless New Mexicans who live with behavioral health  
18 disorders; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the theme for "Behavioral  
20 Health Day" be "Hope Changes Everything".

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