

1 A MEMORIAL

2 COMMEMORATING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW
3 MEXICO'S COMBINED BACHELOR OF ARTS AND DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
4 PROGRAM.

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6 WHEREAS, in 2006, the college of arts and sciences and
7 the school of medicine of the university of New Mexico joined
8 in a partnership to help address the state's physician
9 shortage; and

10 WHEREAS, the combined bachelor of arts and doctor of
11 medicine program presents New Mexico high school students
12 with the opportunity to complete a rigorous four-year
13 bachelor of arts curriculum that prepares them for four more
14 rigorous years in medical school; and

15 WHEREAS, since its creation, the combined bachelor of
16 arts and doctor of medicine program has focused on assembling
17 a class of diverse students, including those from
18 underrepresented populations and underserved communities
19 throughout the state, who are committed to practicing
20 medicine in New Mexico's medically underserved communities;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, thanks to years of committed support from the
23 New Mexico legislature, the combined bachelor of arts and
24 doctor of medicine program has served three hundred thirty-
25 three New Mexico students representing eighty-six different

1 communities; and

2 WHEREAS, over the course of its existence, the combined
3 bachelor of arts and doctor of medicine program has
4 successfully recruited an average of sixty-six percent of its
5 students from underrepresented populations, many from
6 educationally and economically underserved areas of the
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, with holistic standards that consider more than
9 test scores, and an extensive support system, the university
10 of New Mexico's combined bachelor of arts and doctor of
11 medicine program is recognized for providing students from
12 underserved and underrepresented communities with the
13 opportunities and resources they need to succeed; and

14 WHEREAS, counting the students who will graduate from
15 the medical school segment in June 2017, fifty-nine students
16 will have completed the combined bachelor of arts and doctor
17 of medicine program, going on to varied years of residency in
18 fields of family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and
19 psychiatry; and

20 WHEREAS, the first students who have completed their
21 residencies are now returning to work in the state; and

22 WHEREAS, for the past two years, the university of New
23 Mexico's combined bachelor of arts and doctor of medicine
24 program has been identified by *Excelencia in Education*, a
25 national program headquartered in Washington, D.C., for its

1 outstanding support of Latino student success; and

2 WHEREAS, the program's extensive recruitment efforts and
3 established relationships within communities around the state
4 help provide students with valuable mentoring and community
5 service resources, encouraging students to consider career
6 opportunities in all areas of health care;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
9 university of New Mexico's combined bachelor of arts and
10 doctor of medicine program be recognized for ten years of
11 academic innovation and excellence and be commemorated for
12 its dedication to the health care needs of all New Mexicans;
13 and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the director of the university of New Mexico's
16 combined bachelor of arts and doctor of medicine program.

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