## SENATE MEMORIAL 19

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## A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2017 "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 to reach their goals; and

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

- A. improve the health and well-being of those with behavioral health disorders and other New Mexicans;
- B. ensure that there is a behavioral health continuum of care;
- C. increase behavioral health education and .205995.1

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- D. seek adequate local, state and federal funding to address behavioral needs;
- ensure that behavioral health services are provided in a culturally appropriate manner;
- F. incorporate data in an evidence-based continuum of behavioral health care in New Mexico; and
- increase appropriate employment and housing opportunities for people living with behavioral health disorders; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2017 be declared "Behavioral Health Day" in the senate and that the senate recognize the many people who devote themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the thousands of New Mexicans who live with behavioral health disorders; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the theme for "Behavioral Health Day" be behavioral health in New Mexico - innovation in action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of human services.