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SENATE MEMORIAL 33

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY NEW MEXICO'S COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS AND PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2017 AS "PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's community health councils were established under the auspices of the 1991 County Maternal and Child Health Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, the County Maternal and Child Health Plan Act was amended in 2007 to include community health councils located in tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, New Mexico's community health councils have served the state with dedication and distinction to improve the health of all New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, community health councils continue to serve as

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1 the hub of public health systems in counties and tribal  
2 communities; and

3 WHEREAS, community health councils have produced community  
4 health assessments that identify and document local health  
5 needs, resources and conditions; and

6 WHEREAS, community health councils have produced community  
7 health plans that identify local health priorities, goals and  
8 strategies; and

9 WHEREAS, community health councils have developed and  
10 implemented programs and services to address critical health  
11 needs and to increase access to essential services; and

12 WHEREAS, community health councils have worked with  
13 communities to attract federal, state and private funding to  
14 communities to support health programs and services; and

15 WHEREAS, community health councils have worked with county  
16 and tribal governments to develop policies to improve community  
17 health; and

18 WHEREAS, community health councils continue to provide  
19 accurate, up-to-date information on local health needs to state  
20 agencies and nonprofit service providers; and

21 WHEREAS, community health councils have provided planning  
22 and coordination of local health services that result in  
23 reducing duplication and filling gaps in services;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
25 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's community health councils be

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1 recognized and congratulated for their accomplishments and  
2 their twenty-five years of service in improving the health of  
3 the people of New Mexico and that February 1, 2017 be  
4 proclaimed "Public Health and Community Health Councils Day" in  
5 the senate; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of health.