

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2025 "NEW MEXICO YMCA YOUTH AND
3 GOVERNMENT DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, for more than one hundred years, the New Mexico
6 alliance of YMCAs has strengthened families in New Mexico
7 through programs that provide youth development, healthy
8 living and social responsibility; and

9 WHEREAS, more than twenty-two thousand New Mexico
10 residents benefit directly each year from the YMCA's
11 extensive programs for all ages and abilities, including
12 early childhood education and health and wellness programs
13 for adults of all ages; and

14 WHEREAS, each year, more than six thousand New Mexico
15 youth benefit from YMCA after-school enrichment, youth summer
16 camps, developmental sports programming, teen centers and
17 overnight camps; and

18 WHEREAS, for more than sixty years, the New Mexico YMCA
19 youth and government program has promoted civic engagement by
20 providing middle school and high school students across the
21 state with an intensive learning opportunity to understand
22 state government, including the work of the legislative,
23 judicial and executive branches of government; and

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico YMCA youth and government
25 program culminates each year at two conferences in the state

1 capitol, one in spring for high school students and one in
2 fall for middle school students, where students engage in
3 government processes by serving as members of model
4 governmental branches, including acting as members of the
5 executive branch, the house of representatives and the
6 senate; as attorneys and judges in appellate court cases; as
7 members of the news media; and as lobbyists; and

8 WHEREAS, a number of students in the YMCA youth and
9 government program from various New Mexico communities are
10 here today to meet with their elected representatives as a
11 critical part of their learning experience;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12,
14 2025 be declared "New Mexico YMCA Youth and Government Day"
15 in the house of representatives in recognition of the New
16 Mexico alliance of YMCAs; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the chairs of the boards of directors of the
19 YMCA of central New Mexico, the family YMCA of Los Alamos and
20 the YMCA of El Paso, Texas.