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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 2**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**HONORING THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND  
THEIR STAFFS WHO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR OVER TWO  
HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND NEW MEXICANS.**

**WHEREAS, it is a priority in the state of New Mexico to  
ensure that all New Mexicans have accessible, available and  
affordable basic health care services, regardless of their  
socio-economic status; and**

**WHEREAS, one hundred twenty primary health care and dental  
clinics are located in ninety-two communities in thirty-one  
counties providing care to two hundred twenty thousand New  
Mexicans in underserved areas regardless of their ability to  
pay; and**

**WHEREAS, more than three hundred fifty thousand people in**

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1 New Mexico have no medical insurance coverage; and

2 WHEREAS, one of every three uninsured New Mexicans  
3 receives continuous primary health and dental care at a primary  
4 health care clinic; and

5 WHEREAS, more than eighty percent of primary health care  
6 clinics are located in rural and frontier areas; and

7 WHEREAS, primary health care clinics offer comprehensive  
8 primary and preventive medical and dental care, as well as  
9 health education, behavioral health, community outreach and  
10 support such as literacy and other education programs in  
11 collaboration with other agencies; and

12 WHEREAS, primary health care clinics are actively involved  
13 in efforts to assist children and adults to enroll and  
14 participate in New Mexikids and medicaid, thereby expanding  
15 insurance coverage to those who are eligible; and

16 WHEREAS, studies credit primary health care clinics with  
17 saving three dollars for every dollar spent on primary care;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Monday, January  
20 29, 2001, be proclaimed "Primary Care Day" in New Mexico to  
21 honor the dedicated efforts of more than two thousand health  
22 care professionals and staff serving in the state's one hundred  
23 twenty primary health care clinics; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans join in  
25 saluting and supporting the primary health care clinics that so

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1 faithfully and effectively deliver comprehensive primary and  
2 preventive health care services to needy people; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 sent to each of the state's primary health care clinics and to  
5 the statewide primary health care association.

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