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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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**RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NORTHERN AREA LOCAL
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD, LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEMBERS, YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND ALL PARTNERING STATE
AGENCIES AND DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 7 AS "WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.**

**WHEREAS, the United States congress enacted the Workforce
Investment Act of 1998 that created a workforce training
system to ensure that individuals are provided training needed
to qualify for jobs and successfully manage their careers; and**

**WHEREAS, in 1999, the New Mexico legislature passed the
Workforce Development Act and created the state workforce
development board, local workforce development boards and
youth councils to implement the federal Workforce Investment
Act of 1998 and to establish a workforce development system;**

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico has four local area boards covering
3 northern, central, southwestern and eastern New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, the four local area boards have representatives
5 from private business, organized labor, community-based
6 organizations, educational institutions, human service
7 providers and state agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, the northern area local workforce development
9 board promotes the active role of local business in developing
10 market-driven training designed for occupations in demand by
11 the local economy, including one-stop career centers, job
12 readiness training, skills development, job skills upgrading,
13 customized training, on-the-job training, customer choice
14 training and workforce development opportunities for persons
15 with disabilities and youth; and

16 WHEREAS, the northern area local workforce development
17 board, local workforce development board members, youth
18 council members and all partnering state agencies have
19 continuously worked collaboratively to successfully implement
20 the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and Workforce
21 Development Act;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2002, and each February 7
24 thereafter, be designated as "Workforce Development Day" at
25 the legislature in recognition of the successful work of the

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