

A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007, AS "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY"  
AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, many consumers and family members must cope  
with disabling behavioral health illnesses; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the  
continuum of behavioral health services statewide; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that  
behavioral health services are consumer- and family-driven;  
and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to increase  
behavioral health education and training to individuals,  
families, providers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to promote adequate  
funding to address the needs of the behavioral health  
continuum; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure the  
availability of appropriate pharmaceuticals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that  
behavioral health services are provided in a culturally  
competent manner; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to use data and  
information in the decision-making process for the behavioral  
health continuum in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the behavioral health work force capacity in New Mexico by providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities to clients in New Mexico's behavioral health system; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health consumers, family members, advocates and providers strive to have individuals with behavioral health disorders lead personally meaningful lives, reaching personal goals with resiliency and hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Tuesday, March 6, 2007, be proclaimed "Behavioral Health Day" to honor the many individuals who devote themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who suffer from behavioral health disorders.