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

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1   WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure the

2   availability of appropriate pharmaceuticals; and

3   WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that

4   behavioral health services are provided in a culturally

5   competent manner; and

6   WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to use data and

7   information in the decision-making process for the behavioral

8   health continuum in New Mexico; and

9   WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the

10   behavioral health work force capacity in New Mexico by

11   providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities to

12   clients in New Mexico's behavioral health system; and

13   WHEREAS, behavioral health consumers, family members,

14   advocates and providers strive to have individuals with

15   behavioral health disorders lead personally meaningful lives,

16   reaching personal goals with resiliency and hope;

17   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

18   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Tuesday, March 6, 2007, be proclaimed

19   "Behavioral Health Day" to honor the many individuals who

20   devote themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the

21   thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who suffer from behavioral

22   health disorders.

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