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SENATE MEMORIAL 66

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 7, 2007 "SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY" AT  
THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition would  
like to thank everyone for supporting suicide prevention  
efforts in New Mexico, and, together, we are making a  
difference in the lives of many in our state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks fifth in the country for all  
ages and fourth in the country for youth suicides, which is  
about twice the national suicide rate; and

WHEREAS, three hundred forty-seven New Mexicans died in  
2005 by suicide, one person for nearly every day of the year;  
and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that for every suicide there are  
at least six survivors, and many more people are affected by

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1 suicide; and

2 WHEREAS, the governor has made youth suicide a priority  
3 and allocated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for  
4 three years to increase school-based health centers' budgets  
5 for suicide prevention efforts statewide; and

6 WHEREAS, the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition and  
7 state and private agencies are working in collaboration to  
8 spread awareness about suicide warning signs and resources, and  
9 together we are saving lives;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
11 OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2007 be declared "Suicide  
12 Prevention Awareness Day" at the senate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition.

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