## 1 A JOINT MEMORIAL PROCLAIMING MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008, AS "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 2 3 DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE. 4 5 WHEREAS, many consumers and family members must cope 6 with disabling behavioral health illnesses; and 7 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the 8 continuum of behavioral health services statewide; and 9 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that 10 behavioral health services are consumer- and family-driven; 11 and 12 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to increase 13 behavioral health education and training to individuals, 14 families, providers and the general public; and 15 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to promote adequate 16 funding to address the needs of the behavioral health 17 continuum; and 18 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure the 19 availability of appropriate pharmaceuticals; and 20 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that 21 behavioral health services are provided in a culturally 22 competent manner; and 23 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to use data and 24 information in the decision-making process for the behavioral 25 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 Monday, January 21, 2008, be proclaimed "Behavioral Health Day" at the legislature 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.\_\_\_\_\_\_ SJM 6 Page 2