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51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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PROCLAIMING JANUARY 23, 2013 TO BE "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 for 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 help individuals with
15 behavioral health disorders to lead personally meaningful lives
16 and reach personal goals with resiliency and hope;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2013 be proclaimed
19 "Behavioral Health Day at the Legislature" to honor the many
20 individuals who devote themselves to public policymaking on
21 behalf of the thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who suffer
22 from behavioral health disorders.