

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE OCTOBER 22, 2015 "DAY OF
3 CONCERN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUN VIOLENCE".

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5 WHEREAS, the young people of New Mexico are its most
6 valuable resource, and the community has a vested interest in
7 ensuring that children grow up in an environment free from
8 fear and violence; and

9 WHEREAS, young people deserve a voice in the issues that
10 affect them and their futures; and

11 WHEREAS, in the past thirty years, one hundred sixteen
12 thousand three hundred eighty-five children and teens have
13 been killed by firearms, and between 1997 and 2009,
14 hospitalizations from gunshot wounds increased from four
15 thousand two hundred seventy to nearly eight thousand; and

16 WHEREAS, the student pledge against gun violence affords
17 the opportunity for bringing together school boards and their
18 respective school districts, as well as networks and
19 resources throughout New Mexico, to build on existing efforts
20 to address issues of gun violence; and

21 WHEREAS, since its inception, more than ten million
22 students nationwide have signed the student pledge against
23 gun violence; and

24 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe public school district and other
25 state school districts have established a district-wide

1 observance for October 22, 2015 that will give students the
2 opportunity to pledge that they will never bring a gun to
3 school, will never use a gun to settle a personal problem or
4 dispute and will use their influence with their friends to
5 keep them from using guns to settle disputes;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to
8 designate October 22, 2015 "Day of Concern About Young People
9 and Gun Violence"; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of public
12 education. _____

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