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DECLARING MARCH 11, 2015 "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans cope with the effects of
disabling behavioral health disorders; and

WHEREAS, consumers, family members, advocates and
providers strive to help those with behavioral health disorders
to lead meaningful lives and reach their goals; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans affected by and advocating on
behalf of those with behavioral health disorders work to:

A. improve their and other New Mexicans' health and
well-being;

B. ensure that there is a behavioral health
continuum of care;

C. increase behavioral health education and

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1 training for individuals, families, providers and the public;

2 D. seek adequate local, state and federal funding
3 to address behavioral health needs;

4 E. ensure that behavioral health services are
5 provided in a culturally appropriate manner;

6 F. incorporate data in an evidence-based continuum
7 of behavioral health care in New Mexico; and

8 G. increase appropriate employment and housing
9 opportunities for people living with behavioral health
10 disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, hope, resilience and engagement are essential for
12 recovery from behavioral health disorders;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 11, 2015 be declared "Behavioral
15 Health Day" at the legislature to honor the many people who
16 devote themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the
17 thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who live with behavioral
18 health disorders; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the theme for "Behavioral
20 Health Day" be "Hope Changes Everything".