

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2016 "YMCA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, for one hundred one years, the New Mexico state
6 alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of
7 communities in New Mexico through youth development, healthy
8 living and social responsibility programs; and

9 WHEREAS, more and more New Mexicans are turning to their
10 local YMCA for education on nutrition and for programs to
11 help manage diabetes and other chronic diseases and for
12 support in their desire to live healthy lifestyles; and

13 WHEREAS, nearly thirty-eight thousand individuals
14 benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programs
15 for all ages and abilities, including early childhood
16 education, job-readiness programs for teens, fitness and
17 wellness opportunities and healthy living programs for senior
18 citizens; and

19 WHEREAS, nearly fourteen thousand youth benefit each
20 year from programs such as YMCA after-school enrichment,
21 youth-in-government, developmental sports, earth service
22 corps, camp Shaver, teen life-skills classes and teen
23 centers; and

24 WHEREAS, almost five hundred individuals volunteer at
25 YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of time and

1 expertise so that others may develop their potential, making
2 the YMCA one of the largest volunteer-driven and volunteer-
3 led organizations in New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, each YMCA is governed by a local volunteer
5 board of directors whose members believe that every day the
6 YMCA is working to meet the most pressing needs in their
7 community, from addressing health and education disparities
8 to providing critical services and support to underserved
9 populations, and whose members give generously of their time
10 and money so that residents may grow as responsible members
11 of their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, nearly seven hundred thousand dollars
13 (\$700,000) has been awarded in financial aid programs funded
14 by annual campaign donations from members, community members
15 and community partners, so that anyone, regardless of ability
16 to pay, can participate in YMCA activities and programs;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 4,
19 2016 be declared "YMCA Day" in the house of representatives
20 in recognition of the important role that the YMCA plays in
21 providing community programs and support to youth, families
22 and adults throughout New Mexico; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs.