

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 3, 2016 "NEW MEXICO STUDENT NURSES DAY" IN
3 THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, registered nurses play a critical role in
6 health care delivery; and

7 WHEREAS, with an aging United States population, health
8 care demand is growing at an unprecedented pace; and

9 WHEREAS, for the last twelve years, nursing has been the
10 most trusted profession, and, in 2014, it ranked fifteen
11 points higher than any other profession according to a Gallup
12 poll; and

13 WHEREAS, there will be a nationwide nursing shortage due
14 to retirements and population growth, and New Mexico has one
15 of the lowest nurse-to-population ratios in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, the registered nursing workforce is considered
17 the top occupation in job growth, projected to increase by
18 twenty-six percent by 2020; and

19 WHEREAS, nurses work in a variety of settings, with the
20 majority of nurses employed in hospitals where they face
21 increased complexity in medical issues; and

22 WHEREAS, a variety of roles have emerged within nursing,
23 such as nurse consultant, nurse informatics specialist,
24 researcher, executive, facility nurse, primary care provider,
25 home health care provider and case manager for chronic

1 illnesses; and

2 WHEREAS, nurses work in a variety of settings, including
3 long-term care facilities, homes, correctional facilities,
4 schools, occupational settings and insurance companies, and
5 for regulation entities; and

6 WHEREAS, advanced practice nurses, such as nurse
7 practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified
8 nurse-midwives and certified registered nurse anesthetists,
9 fill the gap on access to health care and provide quality,
10 safe and effective care throughout New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, the nursing community is appreciative of the
12 legislative support it has received to promote adequate
13 staffing of the nursing workforce and for various nursing
14 loan-for-service opportunities that positively impact the
15 nursing shortage;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3, 2016 be designated as
18 "New Mexico Student Nurses Day" in the senate; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the executive director of the New Mexico nurses
21 association. _____

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