

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 16, 2017 "YMCA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

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

12 WHEREAS, nearly twenty-six thousand individuals benefit
13 directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programs for all
14 ages and abilities, including early childhood education,
15 job-readiness programs for teens and health and wellness
16 support for senior citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, nearly eleven thousand three hundred youth
18 benefit each year from various programs, including YMCA
19 after-school enrichment, youth-in-government, developmental
20 sports, teen centers and programs that connect youth to the
21 outdoors, such as earth service corps and camp Shaver; and

22 WHEREAS, almost one thousand four hundred individuals
23 volunteer at YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of
24 time and expertise, making the YMCA one of the largest
25 volunteer-driven and volunteer-led organizations in

