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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2017 "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DAY" IN THE  
SENATE.

WHEREAS, the boy scouts of America is one of the nation's  
largest and most prominent values-based youth development  
organizations; and

WHEREAS, the great southwest council-boy scouts of America  
is charged with helping young people develop lifelong skills  
and values; and

WHEREAS, the great southwest council serves more than  
seven thousand three hundred twenty-five young people  
throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the youth in scouting programs provided by the  
great southwest council are supported in their efforts by more  
than two thousand five hundred volunteers in New Mexico; and

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1           WHEREAS, boy scouts provide considerable public service to  
2 their communities, including more than twenty-two thousand  
3 hours in 2016 through eagle scout projects alone; and

4           WHEREAS, the most recent study by Tufts university found  
5 that men who were scouts for five or more years as boys were  
6 more likely than men with no scouting experience to graduate  
7 from high school and college, earn higher household incomes,  
8 have lifelong friendships and believe helping others should  
9 come before one's own self-interests; and

10           WHEREAS, in New Mexico, sixty-one young men obtained the  
11 rank of eagle scout in 2016; and

12           WHEREAS, the great southwest council operates camping and  
13 other outdoor activities for youth at the Campbell scout ranch  
14 in the Sandia mountains and the Gorham scout ranch near  
15 Chimayo; and

16           WHEREAS, the national division of the boy scouts of  
17 America operates the Philmont scout ranch in Cimarron, which  
18 hosts over thirty thousand visitors from all over the world  
19 every year; and

20           WHEREAS, the national scouting museum will be relocating  
21 to New Mexico from Irving, Texas, in 2018; and

22           WHEREAS, scouting serves young people throughout New  
23 Mexico, regardless of economic circumstances, parental  
24 involvement or any other factors that might limit a child's  
25 access to programs; and

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