

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 19, 2018 AS
3 "STUDENT ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, the secretary of state, who serves as the
6 state's chief elections official, is committed to
7 strengthening democracy by encouraging voter registration and
8 increasing participation in all elections by all eligible
9 New Mexicans; and

10 WHEREAS, young people play a critical role in furthering
11 democracy by helping to choose candidates who will lead and
12 by voicing their opinions on issues that are important to
13 them; and

14 WHEREAS, seventeen-year-olds can now register to vote as
15 long as they will be eighteen years old by the time of the
16 next election; and

17 WHEREAS, high schools are encouraged to offer voter
18 registration to eligible students by providing either paper
19 registration applications or a link on the high school
20 website to the state's online voter registration; and

21 WHEREAS, notices to school districts predominately known
22 for or identified as having Spanish-speaking schools should
23 be in both English and Spanish; and

24 WHEREAS, high school administrators are encouraged to
25 name one or more students as voter outreach coordinators to

1 encourage student voter registration; and

2 WHEREAS, students are encouraged to participate in the
3 democratic process through civics and voter education
4 programs by volunteering as poll workers and encouraging
5 their peers, family members and community members to register
6 to vote and participate in elections;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to declare
9 February 19, 2018 "Student Online Voter Registration Day" in
10 New Mexico; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public education
13 and the secretary of state. _____

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