

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2018 "END HUNGER IN NEW MEXICO DAY" IN
3 THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, nationwide, New Mexico has one of the highest
6 rates of overall food insecurity of all residents, including
7 children, veterans, the homeless and seniors; and

8 WHEREAS, annual feeding America statistics rank
9 New Mexico as one of the most food-insecure states for
10 children in the nation; and

11 WHEREAS, nearly seventy thousand New Mexicans seek food
12 assistance each week; and

13 WHEREAS, eighty-nine percent of hungry households have
14 an annual income of less than twenty thousand dollars
15 (\$20,000); and

16 WHEREAS, sixty-one percent of households choose between
17 paying for utilities or buying food; and

18 WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of households report
19 purchasing inexpensive, unhealthy food as the most common way
20 to have at least some food at home to eat; and

21 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address New Mexico's
22 food insecurity and to eliminate hunger in New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, nonperishable food items will be collected on
24 February 6, 2018 at the state capitol to benefit the food
25 depot;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6, 2018 be declared "End
Hunger in New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the secretary of human services and the
executive director of the food depot. _____