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SENATE MEMORIAL 16

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2019 "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY" IN THE
SENATE.

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans cope with the effects of
disabling behavioral health disorders; and

WHEREAS, consumers, family members, advocates and
providers strive to help those with behavioral health disorders
to lead meaningful lives and to reach their goals; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans affected by, and advocating on
behalf of, those with behavioral health disorders work to:

A. improve the health and well-being of those with
behavioral health disorders and other New Mexicans;

B. ensure that there is a behavioral health
continuum of care;

C. increase behavioral health education and

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1 training for individuals, families, providers and the public;

2 D. seek adequate local, state and federal funding
3 to address behavioral needs;

4 E. ensure that behavioral health services are
5 provided in a culturally appropriate manner;

6 F. incorporate data in an evidence-based continuum
7 of behavioral health care in New Mexico; and

8 G. increase appropriate employment and housing
9 opportunities for people living with behavioral health
10 disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, hope, resilience and engagement are essential for
12 recovery from behavioral health disorders; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico will be celebrating national recovery
14 month in September 2019 to educate Americans that substance use
15 treatment and behavioral health services can enable those with
16 behavioral health or substance use disorders to live healthy
17 and rewarding lives;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that February 6, 2019 be declared "Behavioral
20 Health Day" in the senate and that the senate recognize the
21 many people who devote themselves to public policymaking on
22 behalf of the thousands of New Mexicans who live with
23 behavioral health disorders; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the theme for "Behavioral
25 Health Day" be "a unified vision: prevention, treatment,

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1 recovery"; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the secretary of human services.

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