

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2020 AS "NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATOR
3 APPRECIATION DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, public educators are vital and integral parts
6 of New Mexico's education system throughout the state in
7 early education centers, eighty-nine diverse school districts
8 and the state's institutions of higher learning; and

9 WHEREAS, learning is a continuum from birth through
10 career, each level building upon prior learning, and
11 educators work to embrace students' cultural, linguistic and
12 familial knowledge in order to create a truly enriching
13 educational experience; and

14 WHEREAS, early education professionals work with
15 New Mexico's youngest learners to lay a solid foundation for
16 future learning and cultivate young minds in an effort to
17 promote lifelong learning; and

18 WHEREAS, instructional personnel, support personnel and
19 ancillary personnel are responsible for the important task of
20 educating future generations of New Mexicans and contribute
21 daily to the growth and success of the state's children,
22 often in challenging settings; and

23 WHEREAS, educational assistants, instructional
24 assistants and community support liaisons often serve
25 high-needs student populations, including special education

1 students and students with exceptional behavioral and social
2 needs, and often assist teachers with the youngest students;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, facilities personnel, transportation personnel,
5 secretaries and cafeteria workers take pride in the rewarding
6 role they play within New Mexico's education system from
7 early education through higher education and work hard to
8 serve all students; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public post-secondary educational
10 institutions continue to build upon the educational
11 foundations students received in high school and provide
12 students with essential skills and knowledge that enhance
13 personal growth, economic opportunity and civic engagement;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, faculty at New Mexico's public colleges and
16 universities conduct groundbreaking research that has led to
17 important contributions to the economic growth and social
18 welfare of the state; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public educators are, as a whole,
20 responsible for challenging, encouraging and preparing
21 generation after generation of New Mexico's children for
22 future success by promoting and creating a twenty-first
23 century, world-class education system in New Mexico;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2020 be declared

1 "New Mexico Public Educator Appreciation Day" in the senate
2 to acknowledge the immeasurable contributions and hard work
3 public educators provide on behalf of students, parents,
4 communities and New Mexico's places of learning; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public
7 education, the secretary of higher education and the secretary
8 of children, youth and families. _____

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