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PROCLAIMING JANUARY 31, 2014 TO BE "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

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

WHEREAS, these individuals work to improve their, and other New Mexicans', health and wellness; and

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

WHEREAS, these New Mexicans work to improve the continuum of behavioral health services statewide; and

WHEREAS, these individuals work to increase behavioral health education and training for individuals, families, providers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, these individuals work to promote adequate local, .196209.1

state and federal funding to address behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, these individuals work to ensure that behavioral health services are provided in a culturally appropriate manner; and

WHEREAS, these individuals work to use data and information in the decision-making process for the behavioral health continuum in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the behavioral health work force capacity in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these individuals work to increase appropriate employment and housing opportunities for individuals with behavioral health conditions in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, consumers, family members, advocates and providers strive to help individuals with behavioral health disorders to lead personally meaningful lives and to reach personal goals with resiliency and hope; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Behavioral Health Day at the legislature this year is hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31, 2014 be proclaimed "Behavioral Health Day" at the legislature to honor the many individuals who devote themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who live with behavioral health disorders.

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