

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY
3 NEW MEXICO'S COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCILS AND PROCLAIMING
4 FEBRUARY 1, 2017 AS "PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH
5 COUNCILS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico's community health councils were
8 established under the auspices of the 1991 County Maternal
9 and Child Health Plan Act; and

10 WHEREAS, the County Maternal and Child Health Plan Act
11 was amended in 2007 to include community health councils
12 located in tribal communities; and

13 WHEREAS, for twenty-five years, New Mexico's community
14 health councils have served the state with dedication and
15 distinction to improve the health of all New Mexicans; and

16 WHEREAS, community health councils continue to serve as
17 the hub of public health systems in counties and tribal
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, community health councils have produced
20 community health assessments that identify and document local
21 health needs, resources and conditions; and

22 WHEREAS, community health councils have produced
23 community health plans that identify local health priorities,
24 goals and strategies; and

25 WHEREAS, community health councils have developed and

1 implemented programs and services to address critical health
2 needs and to increase access to essential services; and

3 WHEREAS, community health councils have worked with
4 communities to attract federal, state and private funding to
5 communities to support health programs and services; and

6 WHEREAS, community health councils have worked with
7 county and tribal governments to develop policies to improve
8 community health; and

9 WHEREAS, community health councils continue to provide
10 accurate, up-to-date information on local health needs to
11 state agencies and nonprofit service providers; and

12 WHEREAS, community health councils have provided
13 planning and coordination of local health services that
14 result in reducing duplication and filling gaps in services;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's community health
17 councils be recognized and congratulated for their
18 accomplishments and their twenty-five years of service in
19 improving the health of the people of New Mexico and that
20 February 1, 2017 be proclaimed "Public Health and Community
21 Health Councils Day" in the senate; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of health.