

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 75

2 45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2002 "NURSES' DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE".

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13 WHEREAS, the vacancy rate for nurses in New Mexico
14 hospital, nursing homes and other health facilities is twenty-
15 one percent; and

16 WHEREAS, a nationwide shortage of nurses exists; and

17 WHEREAS, the average age of a registered nurse in New
18 Mexico is over forty-six; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico's thirteen thousand five hundred
20 nurses are essential to the delivery of quality health care in
21 hospitals, nursing homes, health clinics and other facilities;
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23 WHEREAS, nurses are working long hours under difficult
24 working conditions;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1, 2002 be declared "Nurses'
2 Day at the Legislature" in order to thank all of New Mexico's
3 nurses for their tireless efforts and dedication to the people
4 of New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 sent to the board of nursing and the New Mexico nurses'
7 association.