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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 49**

**47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005**

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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**RECOGNIZING THE FIRST SATURDAY OF AUGUST AS "YOUTH DAY" AND  
REQUESTING NEW MEXICO'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PURSUE  
FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE DAY.**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico is blessed to have more than five  
hundred thousand people under the age of eighteen among its  
population; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexico's youth should be encouraged to  
participate in socially and culturally appropriate activities  
that reinforce positive behavior by strengthening their bonds  
with their parents, guardians and mentors; and**

**WHEREAS, providing New Mexico's youth with a positive  
means of self-expression; strong, confident and appropriate  
role models; and methods to promote a healthy family structure**

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1 will benefit all of New Mexico's residents as today's youth  
2 become tomorrow's strong leaders; and

3 WHEREAS, the designation of a "Youth Day" in New Mexico  
4 could lead to national recognition of such a day and would  
5 provide young people everywhere with the opportunity to receive  
6 the support, congratulations and positive acknowledgment that  
7 can help them achieve their dreams; and

8 WHEREAS, Governor Bill Richardson by proclamation has  
9 recognized the first Saturday of August to be "Youth Day";

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the first Saturday of  
12 every August to be "Youth Day" and that all New Mexicans be  
13 encouraged on that day to recognize and celebrate the  
14 contributions that New Mexico's youth make each day to our  
15 state; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of New Mexico's  
17 congressional delegation be requested to pursue the federal  
18 designation of the first Saturday of every August to be "Youth  
19 Day"; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the governor and the members of the state's  
22 congressional delegation.