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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007, AS "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, many consumers and family members must cope with disabling behavioral health illnesses; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the continuum of behavioral health services statewide; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that behavioral health services are consumer- and family-driven; and

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

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to promote adequate funding to address the needs of the behavioral health continuum; and

WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure the availability of appropriate pharmaceuticals; and

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

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

1 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the
2 behavioral health work force capacity in New Mexico by
3 providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities to
4 clients in New Mexico's behavioral health system; and

5 WHEREAS, behavioral health consumers, family members,
6 advocates and providers strive to have individuals with
7 behavioral health disorders lead personally meaningful lives,
8 reaching personal goals with resiliency and hope;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Tuesday, March 6, 2007, be proclaimed
11 "Behavioral Health Day" to honor the many individuals who
12 devote themselves to public policymaking on behalf of the
13 thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who suffer from behavioral
14 health disorders.

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