SENATE MEMORIAL 25

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND ENDORSING THE NEW MEXICO CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AS A SUCCESSFUL MODEL FOR YOUTH ADVOCACY AND CIVIC PREPAREDNESS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico civic engagement, under the sponsorship of the university of New Mexico's office for community learning and public service, has worked with community-based youth organizations in New Mexico since 2002; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico civic engagement was formed in 2002 and works with youth-based organizations that successfully use "adult/youth" partnerships to effect change in their communities; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico civic engagement has sponsored at the university of New Mexico for the last five years summer institutes involving over seven hundred school-aged youth and .167422.1

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adults that provides leadership training and civic education; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico civic engagement has also conducted annual legislative roundtables to allow state and local organizations to present their proposals for new legislation to members of the New Mexico house and senate; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico civic engagement has clearly demonstrated in twenty-five different communities that the youth voice is vibrant and articulate in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico civic engagement continues to affect the lives of thousands of youth throughout New Mexico by its relationship with successful community organizations and school programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it formally recognize New Mexico civic engagement for its good deeds and accomplishments and for the development of a successful New Mexico model for civic engagement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it join with its youth and adult partners to celebrate the fifth anniversary of New Mexico civic engagement and wish New Mexico civic engagement continued success for years to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the chair of the board of directors of New Mexico civic engagement.

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