

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008, AS "DRUG COURT DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, drug courts provide the focus and leadership for community-wide, anti-drug systems, bringing together criminal justice, treatment, education and other community partners in the fight against drug abuse and criminality; and

WHEREAS, drug court programs are the original form of drug policy reform and combine intensive judicial supervision, mandatory substance abuse treatment and drug testing and escalating sanctions and incentives in order to break the cycle of drug addiction and its concomitant crimes; and

WHEREAS, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, treatment and rehabilitation professionals, law enforcement and corrections personnel, researchers and educators, national and community leaders and others dedicated to the drug court movement have had a profound impact on their communities through their hard work and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the drug court movement has grown in New Mexico from one drug court in 1994 to some thirty-four drug courts in operation or in the planning stages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Tuesday, February 5, 2008, be proclaimed "Drug Court Day" at the house

of representatives to honor the practitioners and participants who make drug courts work and the significant contributions that drug courts have made and continue to make in reducing drug use and crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the administrative office of the courts.