

A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 6, 2009 AS "ENLACE NEW MEXICO DAY" AT THE
NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to
providing access to quality education for all students, from
pre-kindergarten through graduate and doctoral studies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a rich multicultural heritage
that is rooted in its unique history, geography and relations
among its people with different identities, varying languages
and diverse narratives; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven years, the organization
engaging Latino communities for education, better known as
ENLACE New Mexico, has established a great many community
partnerships, including partnerships with institutions that
prepare students for careers in law, medicine and other
professions; and

WHEREAS, ENLACE New Mexico believes in inclusivity and
believes that a multicultural- and multilingual-focused
educational initiative will create a world-class educational
system for all students; and

WHEREAS, the work of ENLACE New Mexico recognizes,
validates and embraces the core cultural values of its
stakeholders, namely the strength of *familia*, the bonds of
comunidad and the mutuality of *respeto*; and

WHEREAS, grassroots change is needed in this state with students, parents and communities themselves defining the programmatic and policy issues necessary to effect systemic change; and

WHEREAS, elected officials throughout the state have united in a bipartisan effort to support the continuation and expansion of the ENLACE New Mexico mission; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has shown its commitment to education by demonstrating its support for improving the New Mexico educational system by funding programs such as ENLACE New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6, 2009 be recognized as "ENLACE New Mexico Day" at the New Mexico legislature and that recognition be extended to ENLACE New Mexico for increasing opportunities for academic achievement, school completion and success in higher education, not only for Latino students, but for all students in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the various regions of ENLACE New Mexico statewide.