

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2010 THROUGH  
3 FEBRUARY 27, 2010 AS "ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to the growth and  
6 prosperity of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the  
8 country in the past decade have come from the creative  
9 efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, according to the United States department of  
11 commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become  
12 entrepreneurs every day, joining more than twenty million  
13 self-employed people that together make up more than  
14 seventy-five percent of the nation's businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, the *Partnership for 21st Century Skills*  
16 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as a content area  
17 critical to success in communities and workplaces in the  
18 twenty-first century; and

19 WHEREAS, more than seventy percent of young Americans  
20 envision starting a business or engaging in some  
21 entrepreneurial activity as adults; and

22 WHEREAS, the national governor's association supports  
23 connecting education with economic growth industries,  
24 recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation  
25 are the growth engines of the economy; and

1           WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations  
2 under the umbrella of the youth entrepreneurship network in  
3 New Mexico and nationwide are actively engaged in enhancing  
4 entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and  
5 cooperation with the national consortium for entrepreneurial  
6 education; and

7           WHEREAS, encouraging youth to get excited about  
8 entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills  
9 and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults can lead youth  
10 to become successful entrepreneurs in the future; and

11           WHEREAS, entrepreneurial education and activities are  
12 crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the  
13 state and the nation; and

14           WHEREAS, the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network,  
15 composed of more than forty career, technical and other  
16 student organizations, offers an array of programs,  
17 activities and competitive events focused on  
18 entrepreneurship; and

19           WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives  
20 resolved to recognize annually a national entrepreneurship  
21 week, which this year occurs from February 20, 2010 through  
22 February 27, 2010; and

23           WHEREAS, recognizing the same week as "Entrepreneurship  
24 Week" in New Mexico provides an opportunity to focus on the  
25 innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring

1 together the core academic, technical and problem-solving  
2 skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful  
3 workers in future workplaces;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 20, 2010 through  
6 February 27, 2010 be recognized as "Entrepreneurship Week" in  
7 New Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_

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