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**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 17, 2011 TO BE "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY" AT  
THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, many consumers and their family members live with  
disabling behavioral health illnesses; and

WHEREAS, there are many advocates who support and work on  
behalf of people with behavioral health disorders; and

WHEREAS, the advocates advocate for a holistic array of  
behavioral health services statewide that are consumer- and  
family-driven; and

WHEREAS, they also advocate:

A. to increase behavioral health education and  
training to individuals, families, providers and the general  
public;

B. to promote adequate funding to address the needs

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1 of the behavioral health continuum;

2 C. to ensure the availability of appropriate  
3 pharmaceuticals;

4 D. to ensure that behavioral health services are  
5 provided in a culturally competent manner;

6 E. to use data and information in the decision-  
7 making process for the behavioral health continuum in New  
8 Mexico; and

9 F. to improve the behavioral health work force  
10 capacity in New Mexico by providing appropriate employment and  
11 housing opportunities to clients in New Mexico's behavioral  
12 health system; and

13 WHEREAS, behavioral health consumers, family members,  
14 providers and other advocates strive to help people with  
15 behavioral health disorders to lead personally meaningful lives  
16 and reach personal goals with resiliency and hope;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 17, 2011 be proclaimed  
19 "Behavioral Health Day" at the legislature to honor the many  
20 individuals who devote themselves to public policymaking on  
21 behalf of the thousands of voiceless New Mexicans who suffer  
22 from behavioral health disorders.