

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 "SUPPORT THE NEW
3 MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, for over ten decades, the New Mexico state
6 alliance of YMCAs, also known as the "Y", has strengthened
7 the foundations of community through programs and services
8 that foster youth development, healthy living and social
9 responsibility; and

10 WHEREAS, more New Mexicans are turning to their Y to
11 become healthier and to support them in their desire to live
12 healthier lifestyles; and

13 WHEREAS, more than eight thousand eight hundred families
14 benefit directly each year from the Y's extensive programming
15 for all ages and interest groups, from toddler activities to
16 teen programs to fitness and wellness opportunities for
17 New Mexico's senior citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, more than seven thousand seven hundred youths
19 benefit each year from programs such as Y after-school care,
20 Y basketball, Y volleyball, character counts!, youth and
21 government, yes corp, counselor-in-training, Y summer camp,
22 teen programs and teen centers, camp Shaver and many other
23 character-building and youth development programs; and

24 WHEREAS, more than one thousand nine hundred individuals
25 volunteer at the Y each year, making New Mexico's Y one of

1 the largest volunteer-led and -driven organizations in
2 New Mexico; and

3 WHEREAS, the Y is governed by a local volunteer board of
4 directors whose members give generously of their time, money
5 and efforts in order that New Mexico residents might grow to
6 be responsible members of their families and communities;
7 develop self-confidence and self-respect; develop an
8 awareness of the rights and worth of every individual;
9 appreciate that physical and mental health are divine gifts
10 that should be maintained through healthy living and
11 spiritual growth; and develop and use their capacities for
12 leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, the Y's ability to be available to everyone,
14 regardless of ability to pay, depends wholly upon continued
15 community support, partially through supporters like the
16 united way, but also through Y memberships and program
17 support, and through expansion, such as the Espanola teen
18 center, the new Los Alamos teen center, a newly enlarged
19 facility in Los Alamos, the renovation and expansion of two
20 branches in Albuquerque, new branches in Albuquerque and Rio
21 Rancho and a new Y facility in Clovis;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Wednesday, February 8, 2012 be
24 proclaimed "Support the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in
25 the New Mexico senate in recognition of the important role

1 that the Y plays in providing community programs and support
2 to youth, families and adults throughout New Mexico.

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