

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18 THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2012
3 "NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to New Mexico's
6 growth and prosperity; and

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

10 WHEREAS, according to the United States department of
11 commerce, more than twenty-three thousand people become
12 independent entrepreneurs daily, joining the more than twenty
13 million self-employed that make up more than seventy-five
14 percent of the nation's twenty million-plus business firms
15 nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, the partnership for 21st century skills
17 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the
18 twenty-first century's content areas critical to success in
19 communities and workplaces; and

20 WHEREAS, the national governors association encourages
21 connecting education to economic growth industries,
22 recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation
23 are the growth engines of any economy; and

24 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations in
25 New Mexico have joined under the umbrella of the New Mexico

1 small business development center and the New Mexico youth
2 entrepreneurship network to provide a variety of programs
3 focusing on student entrepreneurial development and
4 competitive events, such as the governor's youth
5 entrepreneurship annual statewide business plan competition,
6 supported by the economic development department, the
7 workforce solutions department, the higher education
8 department, the public education department, the small
9 business administration, chambers of commerce and other
10 notable organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout the United States, entities like the
12 New Mexico small business development center and the
13 New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network are engaged in
14 enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration
15 and cooperation with the national consortium for
16 entrepreneurship education; and

17 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about
18 entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills
19 and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults to be
20 successful entrepreneurs, are crucial to the long-term growth
21 of local communities, the state and the nation; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives
23 resolved to recognize an annual "National Entrepreneurship
24 Week" that, this year, runs from February 18 through
25 February 25; and

1 WHEREAS, "National Entrepreneurship Week" provides an
2 opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which
3 entrepreneurship education can bring together the core
4 academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for
5 future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future
6 workplaces;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 18 through
9 February 25, 2012 be declared "National Entrepreneurship
10 Week" in the senate; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the statewide director of the New Mexico small
13 business development center for distribution to the supporters
14 and partners of the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship
15 network.
