

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 11, 2014 "SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of community statewide through programs and services that foster youth development, healthy living and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, more and more New Mexicans are turning to the YMCA for education on nutrition and diabetes management and other chronic disease management programs to support them in their desires to live healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty-two thousand New Mexicans benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programming for all ages and abilities, programs that include early childhood education, job-readiness programs, tax preparation for senior citizens and wellness opportunities; and

WHEREAS, more than nine thousand six hundred youths benefit each year from programs such as YMCA after-school enrichment, youth-in-government, developmental sports, earth service corps, counselor-in-training, teen life-skills classes, teen centers, camp Shaver and hundreds of character-

building and youth-development programs; and

WHEREAS, six hundred forty individuals volunteer at YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of time and expertise so that others may develop their potential and making New Mexico's alliance of YMCAs one of the largest volunteer-led and volunteer-driven organizations in the state; and

WHEREAS, each YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board of directors whose members believe that physical and mental health are divine gifts that should be maintained through healthy living and spiritual growth and who give generously of their time, money and effort in order for New Mexicans to grow as responsible members of their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs has awarded over seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in financial aid so that everyone, regardless of ability to pay, can participate in the YMCA's activities and programs; and

WHEREAS, the financial aid that the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs offers depends on continued community support and contributing partners, through YMCA memberships and program support and annual campaigns for scholarships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs be recognized for the important role that

the YMCA plays in providing community programs and support to youths, families and adults throughout New Mexico and that February 11, 2014 be declared "Support the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs.