

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2017 "AMERICORPS AND NATIONAL SERVICE
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American
6 character and is central to how America meets its challenges;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, states are increasingly turning to national
9 service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet
10 their needs; and

11 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and senior corps participants
12 address the most pressing challenges facing our communities
13 by educating students for the jobs of the twenty-first
14 century, supporting veterans and military families, providing
15 health services and helping communities recover from natural
16 disasters; and

17 WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity
18 by creating more sustainable and resilient communities and
19 providing education and career and leadership skills for
20 those who serve; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2016, the corporation for national and
22 community service celebrated the induction of the one
23 millionth AmeriCorps member; and

24 WHEREAS, more than four thousand five hundred AmeriCorps
25 and senior corps participants serve in approximately seven

1 hundred locations across New Mexico, bolstering the civic,
2 neighborhood and faith-based organizations that are so vital
3 to New Mexico's economic and social well-being; and

4 WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public and
5 private partnership that invests in community solutions and
6 leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community
7 impact and increase the return on taxpayer money; and

8 WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate their
9 commitment, dedication and patriotism by making extensive
10 commitments to public service; and

11 WHEREAS, the New Mexico commission for community
12 volunteerism, the workforce solutions department, the
13 corporation for national and community service and national
14 service programs across New Mexico engage residents, improve
15 lives and strengthen communities;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 28, 2017 be declared
18 "AmeriCorps and National Service Day" in the senate; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition and
20 congratulations be extended to New Mexico's national service
21 programs for their contributions; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the secretary of workforce solutions and to the
24 chief executive officer of the corporation for national and
25 community service.
