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SENATE MEMORIAL 45

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING March 7, 2017 "HELP-NEW MEXICO, INC., DAY" IN THE SENATE IN HONOR OF THAT ORGANIZATION'S RICH TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND COMMITMENT.

WHEREAS, HELP-New Mexico, inc., was created and incorporated as the home education livelihood program, inc., in 1965 by the interdenominational New Mexico council of churches and its successor, the New Mexico conference of churches and church women united; and

WHEREAS, the founders included pastors, ranchers, farmworkers, housewives, businessmen and government workers; and

WHEREAS, HELP-New Mexico, inc., is governed by a diverse board of directors representing the public, businesses, low-income individuals, Native Americans, parents and other

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1 community members; and

2 WHEREAS, over the past fifty years, HELP-New Mexico, inc.,  
3 has provided services to more than eight hundred sixteen  
4 thousand individuals and families, including migrant families,  
5 self-employed farmers and ranchers, low-income families, abused  
6 and neglected children, senior citizens, people with  
7 disabilities and disadvantaged youth; and

8 WHEREAS, the current portfolio of HELP-New Mexico, inc.,  
9 includes adult education, job training, early childhood  
10 development and education, youth development and care, housing  
11 construction, rural health clinics, land development, job  
12 placement, literacy training, affordable housing, nutritious  
13 meals and family counseling; and

14 WHEREAS, HELP-New Mexico, inc., is a self-sufficient,  
15 sustainable organization, well-known and respected throughout  
16 the state and nationally as the largest and most effective  
17 service provider in New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, the history of HELP-New Mexico, inc., will  
19 provide a solid base for growth, but the organization will be  
20 looking toward the future; and

21 WHEREAS, HELP-New Mexico, inc., will continue to provide  
22 to low-income New Mexicans family-centered, high-quality care  
23 in offices located throughout the state; and

24 WHEREAS, HELP-New Mexico, inc., helps individuals and  
25 families reach self-sufficiency by both "teaching them to fish"

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1 and "stocking the lake"; and

2 WHEREAS, HELP-New Mexico, inc., has been recognized as a  
3 primary resource center for low-income families and communities  
4 designed around effective partnerships to support client access  
5 to comprehensive services; and

6 WHEREAS, HELP-New Mexico, inc., seeks to reflect the  
7 values and priorities of being self-sufficient, socially  
8 accepting, nondiscriminatory and effective; and

9 WHEREAS, the governing and advisory boards of HELP-New  
10 Mexico, inc., strive to be active, involved and effective at  
11 both oversight and fundraising;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
13 OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2017 be declared "HELP-New Mexico,  
14 Inc., Day" in the senate in honor of the organization's rich  
15 tradition of community service and commitment; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HELP-New Mexico, inc., be  
17 recognized for the superior services it provides throughout  
18 twenty-two counties in New Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the executive director of HELP-New Mexico, inc.