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SENATE MEMORIAL 19

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 23, 2018 "SCHOOL NUTRITION DAY" IN THE
SENATE.

WHEREAS, school nutrition programs provided through the
national school lunch program and school breakfast program have
provided millions of healthy and nutritious meals to
schoolchildren throughout New Mexico for more than seventy
years; and

WHEREAS, school nutrition programs serve healthy meals,
free or at low cost, to students in New Mexico schools; and

WHEREAS, school nutrition programs not only feed hungry
children and support family well-being, they also act as
"economic stabilizers" during economic downturns; and

WHEREAS, many children consume at least one-half of their
daily calories at school, and for many children, food served at

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1 school may be the only nutritious food they regularly eat; and

2 WHEREAS, one billion five hundred million dollars
3 (\$1,500,000,000) annually in health care expenses is related to
4 obesity and diabetes;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that the state recognize that funding for school
7 nutrition programs to promote healthier lifestyles and academic
8 achievement is a wise investment in the health of its people
9 and its future workforce; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 23, 2018 be declared
11 "School Nutrition Day" in the senate.