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DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2018 "ROADRUNNER FOOD BANK OF NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, the struggle with hunger is an ongoing crisis in New Mexico, one of the most poverty-stricken states in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the latest "map the meal gap" report shows that among all states, New Mexico ranks second for childhood hunger and seventh in overall hunger; and

WHEREAS, one in four children in New Mexico is at risk of hunger; and

WHEREAS, the map the meal gap in New Mexico shows that more than sixty-three million meals are missing from the plates of people in need; and

WHEREAS, nearly ninety percent of hungry household

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1 residents have annual incomes of less than twenty thousand
2 dollars (\$20,000); and

3 WHEREAS, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico, one of two
4 hundred feeding America member food banks, is the largest
5 nonprofit organization dedicated to solving hunger in New
6 Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico serves as a
8 distribution hub and provides food to hundreds of affiliated
9 partners around the state, including food pantries, soup
10 kitchens, shelters and regional food banks; and

11 WHEREAS, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico also
12 distributes food through its own specialized programs that help
13 children, families, seniors and clients experiencing chronic
14 disease related to nutrition at schools, low-income senior
15 housing sites, senior centers and other health care clinics;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, last year, roadrunner food bank of New Mexico
18 distributed over thirty-two million pounds of food, or twenty-
19 six million meals, to help seventy thousand hungry people every
20 week through a statewide hunger-relief network; and

21 WHEREAS, most of the food distributed by roadrunner food
22 bank of New Mexico comes from food rescue efforts; and

23 WHEREAS, food rescue captures unsalable food from the food
24 industry, including grocery stores, food manufacturers, growers
25 and others; and

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