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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING PB&J FAMILY SERVICES, ALSO KNOWN AS PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY, AND PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 7, 2023 "PB&J DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, PB&J family services was founded in 1972 in Albuquerque's southwest valley in response to a scarcity of services and supports for children at-risk and their families; and

WHEREAS, PB&J's mission is to serve at-risk children to ensure that they grow to their full potential, within nurturing families, in a supportive community; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by PB&J are rooted in the experiences of the first children and families served by PB&J, whose mothers were receiving county mental health services; and

WHEREAS, for over fifty years, PB&J has continued to

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1 support communities and families, embracing families where they
2 are, including in prisons and jails, and responding to the
3 needs of children and families that have emerged in a changing
4 society; and

5 WHEREAS, PB&J has developed programs to support unique
6 families, developing home-based programs to support parents
7 with developmental disabilities and those whose substance use
8 impacts their ability to care for their children; and

9 WHEREAS, PB&J's main site in Albuquerque's southwest
10 valley is eighty years old and in deteriorating condition to
11 the point of facing condemnation; and

12 WHEREAS, PB&J is hopeful that legislative support will be
13 extended to relocate PB&J to a safe, suitable site; and

14 WHEREAS, PB&J is unique in its commitment to offer
15 ongoing, cutting-edge, comprehensive, developmental and
16 wraparound services for over half a century; and

17 WHEREAS, PB&J has been a beacon of hope for thousands of
18 at-risk children and families, serving, in many instances,
19 generations to reunite and restore environments where children
20 grow in loving, healthy and secure families; and

21 WHEREAS, for fifty years, PB&J has been a critical
22 therapeutic resource to many state government departments and
23 agencies;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to PB&J family

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1 services for its critical role in supporting the communities
2 and families of Albuquerque's southwest valley and the greater
3 Bernalillo and Sandoval county areas; and that February 7, 2023
4 be proclaimed "PB&J Day" in the senate; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to PB&J family services.

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