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HOUSE MEMORIAL 3

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING NEW MEXICO NURSES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

WHEREAS, nurses and other health care workers in New Mexico have long served with dedication, compassion and skill, often under difficult and demanding circumstances, to promote, restore and protect the health of the people of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, through public health emergencies, pandemics, chronic care challenges and day-to-day community health needs, nurses and health care workers have shown extraordinary commitment, working long hours, often at personal sacrifice, to ensure safe and compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, nurses and health care workers have consistently shown up to advocate for patient safety and the health care needs of the people of New Mexico, including through their leadership and engagement in the legislative process to promote

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1 safe staffing standards and other policies designed to improve  
2 care quality and protect patients; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico faces a persistent and growing  
4 workforce shortage of nursing and health care workers, which  
5 places an increased strain on hospitals, clinics, long-term  
6 care facilities and community health systems, affecting both  
7 patient access and the sustainability of the health care  
8 workforce; and

9 WHEREAS, rural and frontier communities throughout the  
10 state experience significant barriers to accessing health care,  
11 including long travel distances, limited provider availability  
12 and chronic understaffing that further deepen health  
13 inequities; and

14 WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence of mental health  
15 crises, behavioral health conditions and substance abuse  
16 disorders across New Mexico has substantially increased demand  
17 on frontline health care workers, who frequently serve as the  
18 first, and sometimes only, source of care for individuals and  
19 families in crisis; and

20 WHEREAS, the well-being of the people of New Mexico  
21 depends heavily on the devotion, expertise and steadfast  
22 service of nurses and health care workers practicing throughout  
23 the state; and

24 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the state formally  
25 recognize and express gratitude for the invaluable service and

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1 contributions of nurses and health care workers to public  
2 health and safety;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all nurses and  
5 health care workers in New Mexico, including clinicians, allied  
6 health professionals and support staff, be honored and  
7 commended for their selfless service, professionalism, advocacy  
8 and compassion; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives  
10 extend its deep appreciation to all nurses and health care  
11 workers for their unwavering dedication to the health and  
12 welfare of the people of New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the New Mexico nurses association, appropriate  
15 statewide health care professional organizations and the  
16 leadership of all New Mexico hospitals and health care  
17 facilities.