

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING NEW MEXICO NURSES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS.

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

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

15 WHEREAS, nurses and health care workers have
16 consistently shown up to advocate for patient safety and the
17 health care needs of the people of New Mexico, including
18 through their leadership and engagement in the legislative
19 process to promote safe staffing standards and other policies
20 designed to improve care quality and protect patients; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico faces a persistent and growing
22 workforce shortage of nursing and health care workers, which
23 places an increased strain on hospitals, clinics, long-term
24 care facilities and community health systems, affecting both
25 patient access and the sustainability of the health care

1 workforce; and

2 WHEREAS, rural and frontier communities throughout the
3 state experience significant barriers to accessing health
4 care, including long travel distances, limited provider
5 availability and chronic understaffing that further deepen
6 health inequities; and

7 WHEREAS, the increasing prevalence of mental health
8 crises, behavioral health conditions and substance abuse
9 disorders across New Mexico has substantially increased
10 demand on frontline health care workers, who frequently serve
11 as the first, and sometimes only, source of care for
12 individuals and families in crisis; and

13 WHEREAS, the well-being of the people of New Mexico
14 depends heavily on the devotion, expertise and steadfast
15 service of nurses and health care workers practicing
16 throughout the state; and

17 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the state
18 formally recognize and express gratitude for the invaluable
19 service and contributions of nurses and health care workers
20 to public health and safety;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all nurses
23 and health care workers in New Mexico, including clinicians,
24 allied health professionals and support staff, be honored and
25 commended for their selfless service, professionalism,

1 advocacy and compassion; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
3 extend its deep appreciation to all nurses and health care
4 workers for their unwavering dedication to the health and
5 welfare of the people of New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the New Mexico nurses association, appropriate
8 statewide health care professional organizations and the
9 leadership of all New Mexico hospitals and health care
10 facilities.

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