

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

SENATE MEMORIAL 10

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

INTRODUCED BY

Cynthia Nava

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 4, 2004 TO BE "THE ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE" AND EXPRESSING RECOGNITION FOR DIRECT-CARE STAFF WHO PROVIDE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the association of developmental disabilities community providers is a statewide organization of community-based agencies that deliver quality service options to children and adults with developmental disabilities and to children with, or at risk of, developmental delay; and

WHEREAS, more than forty-five thousand New Mexicans have developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, more than six thousand children in New Mexico have, or are at risk of, developmental delay; and

WHEREAS, persons with developmental disabilities have

underscoring material = new
~~[bracketed material] = delete~~

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 substantial functional limitations related to a mental or
2 physical impairment, including mental retardation and brain
3 trauma; and

4 WHEREAS, persons with developmental disabilities require
5 specialized, lifelong, individualized services and support; and

6 WHEREAS, persons with developmental disabilities and their
7 families have increasingly expressed their desire to receive
8 community-based and community-integrated services as an
9 alternative to institutional care; and

10 WHEREAS, the demand for community-based services will
11 continue to grow as family caregivers age, individuals with
12 developmental disabilities live longer, waiting lists grow and
13 services expand; and

14 WHEREAS, outside of families, private providers that
15 employ direct-care professionals deliver the majority of
16 services for persons with developmental disabilities and
17 children with, or at risk of, developmental delay; and

18 WHEREAS, direct-care professionals provide a wide range of
19 supportive services to persons with developmental disabilities
20 and children with, or at risk of, developmental delay on a
21 daily basis, including habilitation, personal care, employment,
22 transportation, recreation, residential support and children's
23 early intervention services, so that those persons may
24 successfully attend school, work and participate in community
25 life; and

.150483.1

