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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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RECOGNIZING AUGUST 5, 2006 AS THE SECOND ANNUAL "YOUTH DAY" IN  
NEW MEXICO AND REQUESTING NEW MEXICO'S CONGRESSIONAL  
DELEGATION TO PURSUE FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE DAY.

WHEREAS, New Mexico is blessed to have more than five  
hundred thousand people under the age of eighteen among its  
population; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's youth should be encouraged to  
participate in socially and culturally appropriate activities  
that reinforce positive behavior by strengthening their bonds  
with their parents, guardians and mentors; and

WHEREAS, providing New Mexico's youth with a positive  
means of self-expression; strong, confident and appropriate  
role models; and methods to promote a healthy family structure  
will benefit all of New Mexico's residents as today's youth

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1 become tomorrow's strong leaders; and

2 WHEREAS, the continued recognition of the first Saturday  
3 of August as "Youth Day" in New Mexico could lead to national  
4 recognition of such a day, which could provide young people  
5 everywhere with the opportunity to receive the support,  
6 congratulations and positive acknowledgment that can help them  
7 achieve their dreams;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize August 5, 2006 to be the  
10 second annual "Youth Day" in New Mexico and that all New  
11 Mexicans be encouraged on that day to recognize and celebrate  
12 the contributions that New Mexico's youth make each day to our  
13 state; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of New Mexico's  
15 congressional delegation be requested to pursue the federal  
16 designation of the first Saturday of every August to be "Youth  
17 Day"; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the governor and the members of the state's  
20 congressional delegation.