

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 7, 2007 "SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS DAY" AT  
3 THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition  
6 would like to thank everyone for supporting suicide  
7 prevention efforts in New Mexico, and, together, we are  
8 making a difference in the lives of many in our state; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico ranks fifth in the country for all  
10 ages and fourth in the country for youth suicides, which is  
11 about twice the national suicide rate; and

12 WHEREAS, three hundred forty-seven New Mexicans died in  
13 2005 by suicide, one person for nearly every day of the year;  
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15 WHEREAS, it is estimated that for every suicide there  
16 are at least six survivors, and many more people are affected  
17 by suicide; and

18 WHEREAS, the governor has made youth suicide a priority  
19 and allocated five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for  
20 three years to increase school-based health centers' budgets  
21 for suicide prevention efforts statewide; and

22 WHEREAS, the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition and  
23 state and private agencies are working in collaboration to  
24 spread awareness about suicide warning signs and resources,  
25 and together we are saving lives;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2007 be declared "Suicide  
3 Prevention Awareness Day" at the senate; and

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the New Mexico suicide prevention coalition.       

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