

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2008 AS "DWI AWARENESS DAY" AT THE NEW
3 MEXICO SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, in 2006 one hundred ninety-one persons lost
6 their lives as a result of alcohol-involved fatalities in New
7 Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, there are a minimum of three thousand alcohol-
9 involved crashes in New Mexico each year, and many of the
10 people involved in these crashes are severely injured; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2007 alcohol was involved in more than
12 forty-one percent of all traffic fatalities in New Mexico;
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14 WHEREAS, each year approximately twenty thousand people
15 are arrested due to drunk driving in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, the average blood alcohol level for persons
17 arrested in New Mexico for DWI was .19, over twice the legal
18 limit for blood alcohol level; and

19 WHEREAS, public education about the dangers of DWI has
20 been shown to be one effective tool in reducing the number of
21 traffic accidents involving drunk drivers;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31, 2008 be proclaimed "DWI
24 Awareness Day" at the senate in recognition of the impact of
25 DWI incidents on the lives of New Mexicans and the importance

