

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 6

2 48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2008

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 PROCLAIMING MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008, AS "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
12 DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

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14 WHEREAS, many consumers and family members must cope with
15 disabling behavioral health illnesses; and

16 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the
17 continuum of behavioral health services statewide; and

18 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that
19 behavioral health services are consumer- and family-driven; and

20 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to increase behavioral
21 health education and training to individuals, families,
22 providers and the general public; and

23 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to promote adequate
24 funding to address the needs of the behavioral health
25 continuum; and

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1 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure the
2 availability of appropriate pharmaceuticals; and

3 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to ensure that
4 behavioral health services are provided in a culturally
5 competent manner; and

6 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to use data and
7 information in the decision-making process for the behavioral
8 health continuum in New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, these individuals advocate to improve the
10 behavioral health work force capacity in New Mexico by
11 providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities to
12 clients in New Mexico's behavioral health system; and

13 WHEREAS, behavioral health consumers, family members,
14 advocates and providers strive to have individuals with
15 behavioral health disorders lead personally meaningful lives,
16 reaching personal goals with resiliency and hope;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Monday, January 21, 2008, be
19 proclaimed "Behavioral Health Day" at the legislature to honor
20 the many individuals who devote themselves to public
21 policymaking on behalf of the thousands of voiceless New
22 Mexicans who suffer from behavioral health disorders.