

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 28

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

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2008 AS "FFA AND 4-H DAY" AT THE
12 LEGISLATURE.

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14 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H have been premier youth leadership
15 organizations in New Mexico for more than eighty years; and

16 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H sponsor chapters and clubs in rural
17 and urban areas throughout the state; and

18 WHEREAS, over ninety thousand youth between the ages of
19 five and twenty-one years old participate in FFA and 4-H youth
20 development programs statewide; and

21 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H youth development programs are
22 diverse and help participants acquire important life skills,
23 including leadership, responsible citizenship, critical
24 thinking, problem-solving, decision-making, conflict resolution
25 and communication skills, that directly contribute to the

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1 successful transition of young people into productive adults;
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3 WHEREAS, FFA and 4-H participants report having greater
4 confidence and a more positive self-identity, stating that they
5 have greater control over events in their lives and a better
6 ability to make decisions on their own, set goals and take
7 responsibility for their actions, and that there are many
8 things in which they can take pride and their lives have
9 purpose and meaning;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, in recognition of the contributions
12 of FFA and 4-H to the state, January 30, 2008 be declared "FFA
13 and 4-H Day" at the legislature; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to New Mexico state university's FFA and 4-H youth
16 development organizations.