

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28,
3 2009 AS "ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to the growth and
6 prosperity of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the
8 country in the past decade have come from the creative
9 efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, according to the United States department of
11 commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become
12 entrepreneurs every day, joining more than twenty million
13 self-employed people that together make up more than
14 seventy-five percent of the nation's businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, the *Partnership for 21st Century Skills*
16 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as a content area
17 critical to success in communities and workplaces in the
18 twenty-first century; and

19 WHEREAS, more than seventy percent of young Americans
20 envision starting a business or engaging in some
21 entrepreneurial activity as adults; and

22 WHEREAS, the national governor's association supports
23 connecting education with economic growth industries,
24 recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation
25 are the growth engines of the economy; and

1 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations
2 under the umbrella of the youth entrepreneurship network in
3 New Mexico and nationwide are actively engaged in enhancing
4 entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and
5 cooperation with the national consortium for entrepreneurial
6 education; and

7 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to get excited about
8 entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills
9 and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults can lead youth
10 to become successful entrepreneurs in the future; and

11 WHEREAS, entrepreneurial education and activities are
12 crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the
13 state and the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network,
15 composed of over forty career, technical and other student
16 organizations, offers an array of programs, activities and
17 competitive events focused on entrepreneurship; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives
19 resolved to annually recognize a national entrepreneurship
20 week, which this year will occur from February 21 through
21 February 28, 2009; and

22 WHEREAS, declaring the same week as "Entrepreneurship
23 Week" in the New Mexico senate provides an opportunity to
24 focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship
25 education can bring together the core academic, technical and

1 problem-solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and
2 successful workers in future workplaces;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 21, 2009 through
5 February 28, 2009 be declared "Entrepreneurship Week" in the
6 senate.

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