

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF SERVICE
3 LEARNING PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, service learning is a teaching and learning
6 strategy that integrates meaningful community service with
7 instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience,
8 teach civic responsibility and strengthen communities
9 according to the corporation for national community service;
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11 WHEREAS, the benefits of service learning include an
12 increased sense of self-efficacy as students learn that they
13 can have a positive effect on authentic social challenges,
14 problems and needs; and

15 WHEREAS, service learning allows students to have an
16 opportunity to use skills and knowledge acquired in a school
17 setting in real-life situations; and

18 WHEREAS, service learning can enhance problem-solving
19 skills, the ability to work as a team member and planning and
20 implementing activities; and

21 WHEREAS, service learning provides opportunities for the
22 community and young people to build and maintain positive
23 relationships; and

24 WHEREAS, service learning has been supported since the
25 middle 1990s with federal grant funding secured through the

1 public education department; and

2 WHEREAS, the 2007 legislature enacted a measure
3 requiring that service learning be offered as an elective in
4 New Mexico public high schools; and

5 WHEREAS, more than thirty service learning programs are
6 currently operating throughout the state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the accomplishments and
9 contributions of all service learning programs throughout the
10 state; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the public education department for
13 distribution to service learning programs throughout the
14 state.

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