

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY COMMUNITY HEALTH
3 COUNCILS; DECLARING JANUARY 19, 2012 AS "COMMUNITY HEALTH
4 COUNCILS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Maternal and Child Health
7 Plan Act is to encourage the development of comprehensive,
8 community-based maternal and child health services and to
9 improve the long-term health of New Mexicans across the state;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the act provides for the establishment of
12 county and tribal community health councils to plan and
13 coordinate community-level responses to pressing health
14 issues; and

15 WHEREAS, community health councils are composed of
16 health care providers, school and public health officials,
17 health advocates, health care consumers and concerned members
18 of the community; and

19 WHEREAS, the councils play a vital role as hubs for
20 county and tribal public health systems, reducing duplication
21 and filling gaps in local health services; and

22 WHEREAS, the councils conduct community health
23 assessments to identify local health needs, resources and
24 conditions that are relied upon by state agencies and
25 nonprofit service providers; and

1 WHEREAS, the councils work with county and tribal
2 governments to develop and implement policies and programs
3 that address critical health needs and increase access to
4 essential services; and

5 WHEREAS, the councils also assist local governments to
6 attract federal, state and private funding to support
7 community health programs and services; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico's community health councils have
9 served the state with dedication and distinction to improve
10 the health of all New Mexicans for more than twenty years;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's community health
13 councils be recognized for improving the health of the
14 residents of New Mexico; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 19, 2012 be declared
16 "Community Health Councils Day" in the senate; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to each of New Mexico's community health
19 councils.
