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SENATE MEMORIAL 15

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

WHEREAS, community health councils are composed of health care providers, school and public health officials, health advocates, health care consumers and concerned members of the

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1 community; and

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

5 WHEREAS, the councils conduct community health assessments
6 to identify local health needs, resources and conditions that
7 are relied upon by state agencies and nonprofit service
8 providers; and

9 WHEREAS, the councils work with county and tribal
10 governments to develop and implement policies and programs that
11 address critical health needs and increase access to essential
12 services; and

13 WHEREAS, the councils also assist local governments to
14 attract federal, state and private funding to support community
15 health programs and services; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
20 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's community health councils be
21 recognized for improving the health of the residents of New
22 Mexico; and

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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transmitted to each of New Mexico's community health councils.