

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 20, 2013 "SUPPORT THE NEW MEXICO ALLIANCE  
3 OF YMCAS DAY" IN THE SENATE.  
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5 WHEREAS, for over one hundred years, a New Mexico state  
6 alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of  
7 community through programs and services that foster youth  
8 development, healthy living and social responsibility; and

9 WHEREAS, more New Mexicans are turning to their Y to  
10 become healthier, and the New Mexico state alliance of YMCAs  
11 strives to support them in their desire to live a healthier  
12 lifestyle; and

13 WHEREAS, over twenty-eight thousand individuals benefit  
14 directly each year from the Y's extensive programming for all  
15 ages and interest groups, from toddler activities to teen  
16 programs to fitness and wellness opportunities for senior  
17 citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, over fourteen thousand five hundred youths  
19 benefit each year from programs such as after-school  
20 enrichment, YMCA basketball and volleyball,  
21 youth-in-government, yes corp, counselor-in-training, summer  
22 camps, teen programs and teen centers, camp Shaver and many  
23 other character-building and youth-development programs; and

24 WHEREAS, over one thousand individuals volunteer at  
25 YMCAs each year, making the YMCA one of the largest

1 volunteer-led and -driven organizations in New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, each YMCA is governed by a local volunteer  
3 board of directors who give generously of their time, money  
4 and effort in order that New Mexico residents may grow as  
5 responsible members of their families and communities and  
6 develop self-confidence and self-respect, as well as an  
7 awareness of the rights and worth of every individual; and

8 WHEREAS, each local volunteer board of directors also  
9 appreciates that physical and mental health are divine gifts  
10 that should be maintained through healthy living and  
11 spiritual growth, and serving on the board allows volunteers  
12 to develop and use their capacities for leadership; and

13 WHEREAS, nearly two hundred forty thousand dollars  
14 (\$240,000) was awarded in financial aid so that everyone,  
15 regardless of ability to pay, could participate in the Y, and  
16 the YMCA financial aid program depends wholly upon continued  
17 community support, partially through supporters like  
18 United Way but also through YMCA memberships, program support  
19 and annual campaigns;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 20, 2013 be declared  
22 "Support the New Mexico Alliance of YMCAs Day" in the senate;  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to Stephen Paternoster, chief executive officer,

1 YMCA of central New Mexico.

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