

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 4, 2015 "ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY DAY" IN
3 THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, in a future that is anticipated to be
6 increasingly dependent on technology, New Mexico will need a
7 highly literate population; and

8 WHEREAS, more than forty percent of the adults in
9 New Mexico have a literacy problem that severely impacts
10 their lives and families, their ability to work productively
11 and their full participation as residents of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico's community colleges and
13 universities and its volunteer and community-based
14 organizations have provided basic skills and literacy
15 services to more than sixteen thousand seven hundred adults
16 during the fiscal year 2013-2014, including providing over
17 one million two hundred seventy thousand hours of
18 instruction; and

19 WHEREAS, one thousand eight hundred twenty-two
20 individuals received their general educational development
21 certificate or high school equivalency credential, more than
22 eight hundred individuals enrolled in post-secondary
23 education or training and four thousand three hundred
24 forty-one individuals entered or retained employment in
25 school year 2013-2014; and

1 WHEREAS, the higher education department, the New Mexico
2 coalition for literacy and numerous adult basic education
3 programs and community-based and nonprofit literacy
4 organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy
5 in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, without this array of adult basic education and
7 literacy programs, adult New Mexicans would find it difficult
8 to access the services and benefits to which they are
9 entitled;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 4, 2015 be designated "Adult
12 Education and Literacy Day" in the senate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the
15 executive director of the New Mexico coalition for
16 literacy. _____

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