

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 1, 2017 "LET'S MOVE! OUTSIDE DAY" IN THE  
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, Albuquerque has been designated as a let's  
6 move! outside city by the United States department of the  
7 interior, one of fifty such cities in the United States that  
8 inspire millions of young people and their families in urban  
9 areas to play, learn, serve and work in the outdoors; and

10 WHEREAS, the let's move! outside initiative aims to  
11 encourage New Mexicans to play, learn, serve and work on  
12 public lands and in parks, open spaces and nature centers to  
13 discover the joys of the land of enchantment and to realize  
14 the benefits of learning to care for New Mexico's precious  
15 land, water and wildlife; and

16 WHEREAS, a growing body of research highlights the role  
17 of outdoor activity in improving mental and physical health  
18 and the overall quality of life; and

19 WHEREAS, the let's move! outside initiative has a  
20 specific goal to connect young people and their families to  
21 New Mexico's treasured public lands; and

22 WHEREAS, in two years, the let's move! outside  
23 initiative has engaged more than two hundred ten thousand New  
24 Mexicans through nearly three hundred events on public lands  
25 and has engaged hundreds of New Mexico children in

1 environmental education and outreach with activities, games  
2 and field trips; and

3 WHEREAS, the let's move! outside initiative is charged  
4 with partnering with public, private and nonprofit  
5 organizations to create opportunities for local communities  
6 to increase their connections to the outdoors; and

7 WHEREAS, the partnerships supporting let's move! outside  
8 initiatives include the national park service and Petroglyph  
9 national monument; the United States fish and wildlife  
10 service and Valle de Oro national wildlife refuge; the bureau  
11 of land management and Kasha-Katuwe tent rocks national  
12 monument; and the United States department of agriculture's  
13 forest service and Cibola national forest; and

14 WHEREAS, in two years, the let's move! outside  
15 initiative has expanded to engage more than one hundred  
16 additional partners through an association with the Middle  
17 Rio Grande: education, employment and environment alliance;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 1, 2017 be declared "Let's  
20 Move! Outside Day" in the senate; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be  
22 encouraged to discover the benefits of playing, learning,  
23 serving and working on New Mexico public lands; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the mayor of the city of Albuquerque. \_\_\_\_\_