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SENATE MEMORIAL 68

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 16, 2017 "YMCA DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, for over one hundred one years, the New Mexico state alliance of YMCAs has strengthened the foundations of communities in New Mexico through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility programs; and

WHEREAS, more and more New Mexicans are turning to their local YMCA for education and support on nutrition and for programs to help manage diabetes and other chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, nearly twenty-six thousand individuals benefit directly each year from the YMCA's extensive programs for all ages and abilities, including early childhood education, job-readiness programs for teens and health and wellness support for senior citizens; and

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1 WHEREAS, nearly eleven thousand three hundred youth
2 benefit each year from various programs, including YMCA after-
3 school enrichment, youth-in-government, developmental sports,
4 teen centers and programs that connect youth to the outdoors,
5 such as earth service corps and camp Shaver; and

6 WHEREAS, almost one thousand four hundred individuals
7 volunteer at YMCAs each year, donating thousands of hours of
8 time and expertise, making the YMCA one of the largest
9 volunteer-driven and volunteer-led organizations in New Mexico;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, each YMCA is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization
12 governed by a local volunteer board whose directors give
13 generously of their time and money because they believe that,
14 every day, the YMCA is working to meet the most pressing needs
15 in their communities, from addressing health and education
16 disparities to providing critical services and support to
17 underserved populations; and

18 WHEREAS, over six hundred sixty thousand dollars
19 (\$660,000) has been awarded in financial aid so that anyone,
20 regardless of ability to pay, can participate in the YMCA
21 through financial aid programs supported by donations to the
22 annual campaign from YMCA members, community members and
23 community partners;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that February 16, 2017 be declared "YMCA Day" in

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1 the senate in recognition of the important role that the YMCA
2 plays in providing community programs and support to youth,
3 families and adults throughout New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the New Mexico alliance of YMCAs.

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