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SENATE MEMORIAL 65

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2018 "END HUNGER IN NEW MEXICO DAY" IN
THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, nationwide, New Mexico has one of the highest
rates of overall food insecurity of all residents, including
children, veterans, the homeless and seniors; and

WHEREAS, annual feeding America statistics rank New Mexico
as one of the most food-insecure states for children in the
nation; and

WHEREAS, nearly seventy thousand New Mexicans seek food
assistance each week; and

WHEREAS, eighty-nine percent of hungry households have an
annual income of less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000);
and

WHEREAS, sixty-one percent of households choose between

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1 paying for utilities or buying food; and

2 WHEREAS, seventy-five percent of households report
3 purchasing inexpensive, unhealthy food as the most common way
4 to have at least some food at home to eat; and

5 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to address New Mexico's
6 food insecurity and to eliminate hunger in New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, nonperishable food items will be collected on
8 February 6, 2018 at the state capitol to benefit the food
9 depot;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
11 OF NEW MEXICO that February 6, 2018 be declared "End Hunger in
12 New Mexico Day" in the senate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the secretary of human services and the
15 executive director of the food depot.