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

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DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2017 "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DAY" IN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans cope with the effects of  
disabling behavioral health disorders; and

WHEREAS, consumers, family members, advocates and  
providers strive to help those with behavioral health disorders  
to lead meaningful lives and reach their goals; and

WHEREAS, many New Mexicans affected by and advocating on  
behalf of those with behavioral health disorders work to:

A. improve their health and well-being as well as  
the health and well-being of other New Mexicans;

B. ensure that there is a behavioral health  
continuum of care;

C. increase behavioral health education and

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1 training for individuals, families, providers and the public;

2 D. seek adequate local, state and federal funding  
3 to address behavioral health needs;

4 E. ensure that behavioral health services are  
5 provided in a culturally appropriate manner;

6 F. incorporate data in an evidence-based continuum  
7 of behavioral health care in New Mexico; and

8 G. increase appropriate employment and housing  
9 opportunities for people living with behavioral health  
10 disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, hope, resilience and engagement are essential for  
12 recovery from behavioral health disorders;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15,  
15 2017 be declared "Behavioral Health Day" in the house of  
16 representatives to honor the many people who devote themselves  
17 to public policymaking on behalf of the thousands of New  
18 Mexicans who live with behavioral health disorders; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the theme for "Behavioral  
20 Health Day" be "Behavioral Health in New Mexico: Innovation in  
21 Action".