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Introduced by  
REPRESENTATIVE DANICE PICRAUX

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING NURSES FOR THEIR VITAL ROLE IN NEW MEXICO'S HEALTH  
3 CARE SYSTEM AND DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2012 "NURSES DAY" IN THE  
4 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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6 WHEREAS, the nursing profession is the largest segment  
7 of the nation's health care work force; and

8 WHEREAS, the practice of nursing covers a broad  
9 continuum, from promoting wellness to disease prevention to  
10 coordination and delivery of care to all patient populations;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses  
13 and advanced practice nurses work in many settings, including  
14 hospitals, schools, homes, retail health clinics, long-term  
15 care facilities, colleges, prisons, battlefields and community  
16 and public health organizations; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico recognizes the important role that  
18 advanced practice nurses such as nurse practitioners, clinical  
19 nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists and  
20 certified nurse-midwives play in the delivery of health care;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the institute of medicine report, "The Future  
23 Of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health", recommends  
24 that nurses be full partners, with physicians and other health  
25 care professionals, in redesigning health care in the United

1 States; and

2 WHEREAS, the report suggests that nurses can and should  
3 play a fundamental role in improving the nation's health care  
4 system through increased involvement at the local, state and  
5 national levels; and

6 WHEREAS, the report suggests that nurses should achieve  
7 levels of education and training through an improved education  
8 system that promotes seamless academic progression; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico has enacted legislation that expands  
10 the scope of nursing practice, ensuring that nurses are able  
11 to practice to the full extent of their education, training  
12 and licensure; and

13 WHEREAS, the New Mexico nurses association represents  
14 professional nurses across the state, encouraging lifelong  
15 learning and the provision of high-quality continuing  
16 education;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26,  
19 2012 be declared "Nurses Day" in the house of representatives;  
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the New Mexico nurses association.



BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES