

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 116

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2017 "AMERICORPS AND NATIONAL SERVICE
12 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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14 WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American
15 character and is central to how America meets its challenges;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, states are increasingly turning to national
18 service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet
19 their needs; and

20 WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and senior corps participants address
21 the most pressing challenges facing our communities by
22 educating students for the jobs of the twenty-first century,
23 supporting veterans and military families, providing health
24 services and helping communities recover from natural
25 disasters; and

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1 WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by
2 creating more sustainable and resilient communities and
3 providing education and career and leadership skills for those
4 who serve; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2016, the corporation for national and
6 community service celebrated the induction of the one millionth
7 AmeriCorps member; and

8 WHEREAS, more than four thousand five hundred AmeriCorps
9 and senior corps participants serve in approximately seven
10 hundred locations across New Mexico, bolstering the civic,
11 neighborhood and faith-based organizations that are so vital to
12 New Mexico's economic and social well-being; and

13 WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public and
14 private partnership that invests in community solutions and
15 leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact
16 and increase the return on taxpayer money; and

17 WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate their
18 commitment, dedication and patriotism by making extensive
19 commitments to public service; and

20 WHEREAS, the New Mexico commission for community
21 volunteerism, the workforce solutions department, the
22 corporation for national and community service and national
23 service programs across New Mexico engage residents, improve
24 lives and strengthen communities;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that February 28, 2017 be declared "AmeriCorps
2 and National Service Day" in the senate; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition and
4 congratulations be extended to New Mexico's national service
5 programs for their contributions; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the secretary of workforce solutions and to the
8 chief executive officer of the corporation for national and
9 community service.

