

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 119

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING MARCH 4, 2015 "ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY DAY" IN
12 THE SENATE.

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14 WHEREAS, in a future that is anticipated to be
15 increasingly dependent on technology, New Mexico will need a
16 highly literate population; and

17 WHEREAS, more than forty percent of the adults in New
18 Mexico have a literacy problem that severely impacts their
19 lives and families, their ability to work productively and
20 their full participation as residents of the state; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico's community colleges and universities
22 and its volunteer and community-based organizations have
23 provided basic skills and literacy services to more than
24 sixteen thousand seven hundred adults during the fiscal year
25 2013-2014, including providing over one million two hundred

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1 seventy thousand hours of instruction; and

2 WHEREAS, one thousand eight hundred twenty-two individuals
3 received their general educational development certificate or
4 high school equivalency credential, more than eight hundred
5 individuals enrolled in post-secondary education or training
6 and four thousand three hundred forty-one individuals entered
7 or retained employment in school year 2013-2014; and

8 WHEREAS, the higher education department, the New Mexico
9 coalition for literacy and numerous adult basic education
10 programs and community-based and nonprofit literacy
11 organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy
12 in the state; and

13 WHEREAS, without this array of adult basic education and
14 literacy programs, adult New Mexicans would find it difficult
15 to access the services and benefits to which they are entitled;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
17 OF NEW MEXICO that March 4, 2015 be designated "Adult Education
18 and Literacy Day" in the senate; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the secretary of higher education and the
21 executive director of the New Mexico coalition for literacy.