

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19 THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, 2011 AS
3 "ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to New Mexico's
6 continued growth and prosperity; and

7 WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created in New Mexico and
8 the United States in the past decade have come from the
9 creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

10 WHEREAS, according to the United States department of
11 commerce, more than two thousand three hundred people become
12 independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than twenty
13 million self-employed individuals, and making up more than
14 seventy-five percent of the nation's twenty-six million
15 business firms nationwide; and

16 WHEREAS, the partnership for twenty-first century skills
17 identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as among the
18 content areas most critical to success in communities and
19 workplaces; and

20 WHEREAS, the national governors association encourages
21 connecting education to economic growth industries,
22 recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation
23 are the growth engines of any economy; and

24 WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations, the
25 New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network, has joined together

1 in New Mexico with the shared vision of training and
2 supporting young entrepreneurs; and

3 WHEREAS, this coalition provides a variety of programs
4 focusing on student entrepreneurial development and supports
5 competitive events such as the governor's statewide youth
6 entrepreneurship business plan annual competition; and

7 WHEREAS, the coalition is comprised of a wide variety of
8 partners, including the economic development department, the
9 workforce solutions department, the higher education
10 department, the public education department, the New Mexico
11 small business development center, the United States small
12 business administration, many chambers of commerce and other
13 notable organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout the United States, coalitions like
15 the New Mexico youth entrepreneurship network are actively
16 engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through
17 collaboration and cooperation with the national consortium
18 for entrepreneurship education; and

19 WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about
20 entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills
21 and attitudes of New Mexico's youths and adults to be
22 successful entrepreneurs is crucial to the long-term growth
23 of local communities, the state and the nation; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States house of representatives
25 resolved to recognize an annual national entrepreneurship

1 week that occurs this year during the week of February 19
2 through February 26, 2011; and

3 WHEREAS, national entrepreneurship week provides an
4 opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which
5 entrepreneurship education can bring together the core
6 academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for
7 future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future
8 workplaces;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 19 through
11 February 26, 2011 be declared "Entrepreneurship Week" in the
12 senate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the president of the board of directors of the
15 New Mexico rural development response council for
16 distribution to the supporters and partners of the New Mexico
17 youth entrepreneurship network.