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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE ELEANOR CHAVEZ

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 24, 2012 "DISABILITY RIGHTS AWARENESS DAY"  
3 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; URGING THE GOVERNOR, MEMBERS  
4 OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE  
5 LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE THE DIGNITY AND VALUE OF PEOPLE  
6 LIVING WITH DISABILITIES AND TO BE AWARE OF BULLYING AND  
7 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONCERNS THAT AFFECT THE DISABLED.  
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9 WHEREAS, thousands of New Mexicans live with  
10 disabilities and they are recognized as productive and  
11 valuable members of the state; and

12 WHEREAS, many people living with disabilities desire to  
13 be more productive and independent in their lives and  
14 recognize that gaining meaningful employment is a means to  
15 achieving independence and dignity; and

16 WHEREAS, bullying and domestic violence prevention are  
17 important issues among people living with disabilities; and

18 WHEREAS, bullying and domestic violence awareness have  
19 become important issues among the residents of New Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, according to the mission statement of the  
21 university of New Mexico center for development and  
22 disability, the full inclusion of individuals living with  
23 disabilities and their families into their communities  
24 involves engaging these individuals in making life choices,  
25 partnering with communities to build resources and improving

1 systems of care; and

2 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the residents of New  
3 Mexico to have a state government and legislature that is  
4 informed on the issues faced by those in the disabled  
5 community;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor,  
8 members of the executive branch and members of the house of  
9 representatives be urged to recognize the value and dignity of  
10 those people living with disabilities; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all residents of New Mexico  
12 be urged to become aware of the issues of bullying and  
13 domestic violence that affect the residents of New Mexico who  
14 are living with disabilities; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 24, 2012 be declared  
16 "Disability Rights Awareness Day" in the house of  
17 representatives; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the governor, all cabinet secretaries and the  
20 executive director of the New Mexico developmental  
21 disabilities planning council.  
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BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES