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HOUSE MEMORIAL 7

Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD C. SANDOVAL AND REPRESENTATIVE DANICE PICRAUX
AND REPRESENTATIVE RICK MIERA AND REPRESENTATIVE ELEANOR CHAVEZ

REPRESENTATIVE CONRAD D. JAMES
REPRESENTATIVE JAMES E. SMITH
REPRESENTATIVE TERRY H. McMILLAN
REPRESENTATIVE ANDY NUÑEZ



1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 18, 2012 AS "AUTISM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO AUTISM SOCIETY
4 FOR ITS LONG-STANDING WORK AND ADVOCACY.

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6 WHEREAS, autism disorders are the fastest growing
7 developmental disability in the world today; and

8 WHEREAS, one of every one hundred ten children will be
9 diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder; and

10 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders affect a person's
11 communication and social interactions; and

12 WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that varies in
13 its presentation from severe to mildly impairing; and

14 WHEREAS, the cause of autism remains unknown; and

15 WHEREAS, treatment for autism is effective when it is
16 highly individualized; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a deficit of service providers
18 and people trained in the treatment and care of persons with
19 autism; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico should strive to improve systems of
21 care for children and adults with autism; and

22 WHEREAS, the state recognizes the valuable contributions
23 to its communities, businesses, technologies and cultures made
24 by people with autism; and

25 WHEREAS, the New Mexico autism society has been

1 advocating for people with autism and their families for over
2 forty years;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 18,
5 2012 be declared "Autism Day" in the house of representatives;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
8 recognize the New Mexico autism society for its efforts in
9 service of people with autism and their families; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the New Mexico autism society.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ben Lujan", positioned above a horizontal line.

BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen R. Arias", positioned above a horizontal line.

STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES