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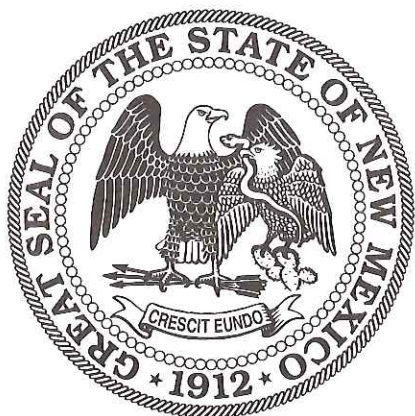
HOUSE MEMORIAL 99

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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH L. THOMSON



1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2018 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological  
6 disorder that interferes with the development of  
7 communication and social interactions skills; and

8 WHEREAS, one in every sixty-eight children born in 2017  
9 will be later diagnosed as having an autism spectrum  
10 disorder; and

11 WHEREAS, autism affects people of all races and  
12 religions and all educational and economic levels; and

13 WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that presents  
14 challenges to education, employment, housing and community  
15 development; and

16 WHEREAS, parents, professionals, self-advocates and  
17 volunteers devote countless hours to improve the quality of  
18 life of those affected by autism; and

19 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices  
20 and proven support systems greatly improve the outcomes and  
21 reduce the lifelong costs of care of individuals with autism  
22 and their families; and


23 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the  
24 valuable contributions to its communities, businesses,  
25 technologies and cultures made by people with autism; and


1           WHEREAS, the many professionals, families, advocates and  
2 volunteers working to promote a greater understanding of  
3 autism to improve the quality of life of those affected by  
4 autism are to be commended;

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12,  
7 2018 be declared "Autism Day" in the house of  
8 representatives; and

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

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Brian Egolf, Speaker  
House of Representatives

  
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Lisa M. Ortiz McCutcheon, Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives