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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2025 "FAMILY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the family is the cornerstone of a healthy and vibrant society, providing essential emotional support, nurturance and stability; and

WHEREAS, families come in many forms and are shaped by diverse cultural traditions, values and practices across New Mexico, including the unique contributions of Native American, Hispanic, Anglo, African American and immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's rich cultural heritage and traditions honor family as a central element of life, from extended family structures to community networks that support and strengthen individuals; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently shown that stable family environments lead to greater emotional stability for individuals, particularly children, by fostering feelings of safety, love and support, which are critical for healthy development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, families provide the foundation for personal growth, economic stability and the overall resilience of communities and deserve recognition for their enduring contributions to the fabric of New Mexico's society; and

1 WHEREAS, designating February 12, 2025 as "Family Day"
2 serves as an opportunity to recognize, celebrate and
3 strengthen the bonds of family across the state, while
4 honoring the diverse ways in which families come together to
5 support one another; and

6 WHEREAS, Family Day provides a dedicated time to reflect
7 on the importance of family, promote family-friendly policies
8 and encourage actions that support family well-being,
9 including access to quality health care, education and
10 housing;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12,
13 2025 be declared "Family Day" in the house of
14 representatives; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this designation recognize
16 the importance of family in all its forms, including the
17 diversity of family structures and cultural practices that
18 contribute to the vibrancy of New Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on Family Day, the people of
20 New Mexico be encouraged to celebrate the central role that
21 families play in shaping individuals' emotional and
22 psychological well-being, promoting strong communities and
23 fostering personal and collective growth; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
25 support initiatives that promote family stability, including

1 programs that strengthen families, promote mental health and
2 enhance economic security for all families in the state; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the governor of New Mexico, the secretary of
5 children, youth and families, the secretary of health, the
6 secretary of health care authority and the secretary of early
7 childhood education and care. _____

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