

A JOINT MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE LEGISLATURE'S RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION FOR  
FAMILY CAREGIVERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the majority of home- and community-based long-term care is  
provided by family members; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of grandparents are carrying out the role of  
primary caregiver for their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of adult children, spouses and other family  
members are caring for a growing number of frail elders and permanently disabled  
persons; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers are devoted individuals who often assume  
responsibilities for several generations of family members; and

WHEREAS, many of these caregivers hold full-time jobs in addition to their  
caregiving responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, caregiving is frequently physically demanding and emotionally  
draining, affecting the health of the caregiver; and

WHEREAS, these caregivers are, themselves, in need of supportive services;  
and

WHEREAS, these caregiving services are of inestimable value, the cost of  
which is beyond the ability of the state to fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and appreciation be extended to New  
Mexico's family caregivers; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to family caregivers throughout the state via the state agency on aging's family caregiver support program and the developmental disabilities planning council.

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