

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 23, 2013 "NEW MEXICO COALITION TO END
3 HOMELESSNESS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, fifty-five percent of homeless New Mexicans
6 begin their homelessness as children, never having an
7 opportunity for a housed life; and

8 WHEREAS, homelessness greatly impacts an individual's
9 life expectancy with various studies showing the average life
10 span of long-term homeless people at between forty-two years
11 and fifty-two years; and

12 WHEREAS, homeless New Mexicans are four times more
13 likely to die than housed people of the same age; and

14 WHEREAS, twelve percent of New Mexico's homeless
15 residents are veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, twenty-six percent of homeless people are
17 disabled by mental illness; and

18 WHEREAS, more than sixteen thousand New Mexico children
19 are homeless; and

20 WHEREAS, homelessness in New Mexico has increased by six
21 percent in the past year; and

22 WHEREAS, a study of homelessness in Albuquerque has
23 shown that providing permanent supportive housing to homeless
24 persons significantly reduces the time they spend in
25 emergency rooms, homeless shelters and jails;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2013 be proclaimed "New
3 Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness Day" in the senate and
4 that recognition be extended to the homeless shelters,
5 homeless health care clinics, homeless housing programs and
6 other homeless service providers that assist homeless people
7 every day; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the New Mexico coalition to end homelessness.