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SENATE MEMORIAL 9

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, twenty-six percent of homeless people are

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1 disabled by mental illness; and

2 WHEREAS, more than sixteen thousand New Mexico children  
3 are homeless; and

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

6 WHEREAS, a study of homelessness in Albuquerque has shown  
7 that providing permanent supportive housing to homeless persons  
8 significantly reduces the time they spend in emergency rooms,  
9 homeless shelters and jails;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
11 OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2013 be proclaimed "New Mexico  
12 Coalition to End Homelessness Day" in the senate and that  
13 recognition be extended to the homeless shelters, homeless  
14 health care clinics, homeless housing programs and other  
15 homeless service providers that assist homeless people every  
16 day; and

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

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