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SENATE MEMORIAL 21

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

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES;
REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER;
DECLARING MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013, "CREATE HOPE FOR A
CANCER-FREE WORLD DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, more than nine thousand six hundred forty New
Mexicans were newly diagnosed with cancer in 2012; and

WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years, the American cancer
society relay for life has been celebrating hope, with over
eleven thousand four hundred New Mexicans participating
annually, giving a voice to so many touched by cancer; and

WHEREAS, twelve years ago, in 2001, many of these voices
joined together to form a nationwide grassroots movement called
the American cancer society cancer action network, an
organization united and relentless in pursuit of its mission to

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1 defeat cancer by working with lawmakers to create hope for
2 those affected by cancer; and

3 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless challenges
4 associated with their diagnoses, including physical, emotional,
5 financial and day-to-day challenges; and

6 WHEREAS, people without access to quality, affordable
7 health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with
8 advanced-stage cancer, resulting in significantly worse health
9 outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients; and

10 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for cancer is sixty-
11 eight percent, up from forty-nine percent thirty years ago,
12 thanks to cancer research as well as lifesaving cancer
13 prevention, screening, early detection and treatment programs;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, it is essential to preserve the quality of life
16 and dignity of all people who struggle with cancer and who
17 often feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

18 WHEREAS, volunteers and members of the American cancer
19 society cancer action network work diligently every day to
20 advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors and caregivers
21 so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a major public
22 health issue;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that it honor cancer patients, survivors and
25 their families; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it remember those people who
2 have been lost to cancer; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it declare Monday, January 28,
4 2013, "Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day" in the senate;
5 and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the governor.