SENATE MEMORIAL 26

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN ACT OF 1994.

WHEREAS, the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994
recognizes the insidious and pervasive nature of domestic
violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and
created comprehensive, effective cost-saving responses to these
crimes; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault affect
millions of Americans every year regardless of their age,
economic status, race, religion or education; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in four women is beaten or raped by a
partner during adulthood, and each year approximately two
million three hundred thousand people are raped or physically
assaulted by a current or former intimate partner; and

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1   WHEREAS, New Mexico law enforcement identified twenty-one

2   thousand three hundred sixty-eight victims of domestic violence

3   in 2011 and six thousand two hundred nineteen children who were

4   present and witnessed domestic violence; and

5   WHEREAS, New Mexico receives approximately one million two

6   hundred thousand dollars ($1,200,000) in funding for domestic

7   violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault and stalking

8   program services through the Violence Against Women Act; and

9   WHEREAS, it has been more than two years since the

10   Violence Against Women Act expired;

11   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

12   OF NEW MEXICO that it encourage the New Mexico congressional

13   delegation in Washington, D.C., to immediately vote in favor of

14   reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 in a

15   bipartisan manner to protect all victims of intimate partner

16   violence; and

17   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

18   transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional

19   delegation and to the chief clerks of the United States senate

20   and the United States house of representatives.

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