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HOUSE MEMORIAL 63

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES;  
REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER;  
DECLARING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015, AS "CREATE HOPE FOR A  
CANCER-FREE WORLD DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, more than ten thousand two hundred New Mexicans  
were newly diagnosed with cancer in 2014; and

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

WHEREAS, fourteen 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 its mission to defeat

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1 cancer by working with lawmakers to create hope for those  
2 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 nearly forty years  
12 ago 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 have struggled with cancer and  
17 who 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 HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it honor cancer  
25 patients, cancer survivors and their families and remember

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1 those who have been lost to cancer and that it declare Monday,  
2 February 9, 2015, as "Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day"  
3 in the house of representatives; and

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

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