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

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2015, "GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS PROJECT DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER ON NEW MEXICANS AND THE WORK OF THE GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS PROJECT IN ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER SERVICES, SUPPORT AND EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, this year, approximately three hundred New Mexico women will be diagnosed with a gynecological cancer; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two thousand five hundred women living with gynecological cancer in New Mexico, some of whom are in active treatment and some of whom are in active remission; and

WHEREAS, gynecological cancers include cervical cancer, ovarian cancer, endometrial cancer, uterine cancer and other

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1 cancers that originate in the female reproductive system; and

2 WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the only human cancer that is
3 seventy-five percent preventable through the human
4 papillomavirus vaccine; and

5 WHEREAS, increasing the human papillomavirus vaccination
6 rate is one the most profound interventions possible for cancer
7 prevention; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the federal centers for disease
9 control and prevention, increasing human papillomavirus
10 vaccination rates from current levels to eighty percent would
11 prevent an additional fifty-three thousand future cervical
12 cancer cases among girls who are now twelve years old or
13 younger; and

14 WHEREAS, there is only one organization in the region that
15 provides support services and education specifically for women
16 with gynecological cancers, the gynecological cancer awareness
17 project; and

18 WHEREAS, the mission of the gynecological cancer awareness
19 project is "to empower women who are fighting gynecological
20 cancer by providing education and support – helping them to
21 live a healthy and inspired life"; and

22 WHEREAS, the gynecological cancer awareness project
23 provides services to any woman who is being treated for
24 gynecological cancer in New Mexico, regardless of the treating
25 practitioner or community of origin; and

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1 WHEREAS, the gynecological cancer awareness project,
2 headquartered in Albuquerque, was founded in 2010 by oncology
3 nurse Amy Gundelach; and

4 WHEREAS, the highly regarded gynecological oncology
5 surgeon and oncologist Luis Padilla Paz serves as the
6 gynecological cancer awareness project's medical consultant and
7 strongly supports the gynecological cancer awareness project,
8 ensuring that it provides evidence-based and culturally
9 appropriate medical support; and

10 WHEREAS, through the generosity of a giving community, the
11 gynecological cancer awareness project supports women with
12 evidence-based education, the circles of hope monthly support
13 group for women and their caregivers, a specialized lending
14 library and direct aid for nonmedical treatment expenses; and

15 WHEREAS, the gynecological cancer awareness project
16 provides guided referral and patient navigation to supplemental
17 resources such as food banks, support services and other cancer
18 survivor resources; and

19 WHEREAS, the gynecological cancer awareness project has
20 provided professional education about cervical cancer and the
21 human papillomavirus vaccine to more than four hundred primary
22 care physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants
23 in an effort to increase the rate of human papillomavirus
24 vaccination in New Mexico;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Tuesday,
2 February 24, 2015, be proclaimed "Gynecological Cancer
3 Awareness Project Day" in the house of representatives and that
4 the gynecological cancer awareness project be recognized for
5 its compassionate and exemplary work to provide services,
6 support and education to women who are living with
7 gynecological cancer; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the gynecological cancer
9 awareness project be recognized for its work in preventing
10 cervical cancer by helping to educate New Mexicans and
11 providing access to human papillomavirus vaccinations
12 statewide; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work of the gynecological
14 cancer awareness project be recognized for its collaboration
15 with public and private agencies to address health disparities
16 in the state; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the executive director of the gynecological
19 cancer awareness project.

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