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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2019 "ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of dementia, is a degenerative, fatal disease of the brain that destroys mental and physical functions; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not a part of the normal aging process; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure, treatment or prevention for Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, every sixty-five seconds, someone in America develops Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, an estimated five million seven hundred thousand Americans now live with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that by mid-century,

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1 someone will develop Alzheimer's disease every thirty-three
2 seconds; and

3 WHEREAS, data indicate that Hispanics are approximately
4 one and one-half times as likely to have Alzheimer's disease or
5 other dementia as older non-Hispanic whites; and

6 WHEREAS, between 2018 and 2025, New Mexico is projected to
7 experience a thirty-six percent growth rate of people with this
8 devastating disease; and

9 WHEREAS, by the year 2025, New Mexico will have an
10 estimated fifty-three thousand residents diagnosed with
11 Alzheimer's disease;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2019 be proclaimed
14 "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day" in the legislature to honor
15 the many individuals and their loved ones who have been
16 affected by Alzheimer's disease and to raise public awareness
17 of this disease; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the governor's office and the secretary of aging
20 and long-term services.

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