

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2023 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological
6 disorder that interferes with the development of
7 communication and social interaction skills; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2018, the federal centers for disease
9 control and prevention reported that one in every forty-four
10 children is diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder;
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12 WHEREAS, autism affects people of all races and
13 religions and all educational and economic levels; and

14 WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that presents
15 challenges to education, employment, housing and community
16 development; and

17 WHEREAS, parents, professionals, self-advocates and
18 volunteers devote countless hours to improving the quality of
19 life of those affected by autism; and

20 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices
21 and proven support systems greatly improve the outcomes and
22 reduce the lifelong costs of care of individuals with autism
23 and their families; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the
25 valuable contributions to its communities, businesses,

1 technologies and cultures made by people with autism; and

2 WHEREAS, the many professionals, families, advocates and
3 volunteers working to promote a greater understanding of
4 autism to improve the quality of life of those affected by
5 autism are to be commended;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26,
8 2023 be declared "Autism Day" in the house of
9 representatives; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the New Mexico affiliate of the autism society
12 of America.

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