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**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2023 "EQUALITY NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMEMORATING THE THIRTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF EQUALITY NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, in 1993, a group of New Mexicans gathered around  
a coffee table to organize toward equality for all lesbian,  
gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals; and

WHEREAS, the coalition for equality in New Mexico was  
created for the well-being of all lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
transgender and queer individuals across New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the coalition for equality in New Mexico revised  
the organization's name to equality New Mexico and has educated  
legislators, educators, government departments and residents  
across the state about the lives and beauty of lesbian, gay,  
bisexual, transgender and queer New Mexicans; and

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1           WHEREAS, the dedication and persistence of advocates led  
2 with New Mexico values ensured New Mexico would respect and  
3 validate same-sex marriages; and

4           WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has advocated for lesbian,  
5 gay, bisexual, transgender and queer seniors and elders in New  
6 Mexico, their safety in their golden years and their unique  
7 health care needs; and

8           WHEREAS, three decades of continued advocacy for equality  
9 and liberation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer  
10 New Mexicans have been instrumental in passing the New Mexico  
11 Civil Rights Act, the Safe Schools for All Students Act and the  
12 Gender-Free Restrooms Act; and

13           WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has worked in coalition to  
14 repeal harmful conversion therapy and defeat anti-transgender  
15 bills; and

16           WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer New  
17 Mexicans and their families have benefited from the ongoing  
18 efforts of equality New Mexico;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 8,  
21 2023 be declared "Equality New Mexico Day" in the house of  
22 representatives and that the thirtieth anniversary of the  
23 founding of equality New Mexico be commemorated; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to equality New Mexico.

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