

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 13

2 **56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2023 "SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE DAY" IN THE
12 LEGISLATURE.

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14 WHEREAS, survivors of suicide is a nonprofit organization
15 that offers support groups to serve the needs of people
16 suffering the loss of a loved one by suicide; and

17 WHEREAS, survivors of suicide holds ten to twelve meetings
18 a month in Albuquerque and Santa Fe; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition to in-person meetings, survivors of
20 suicide also holds virtual meetings with attendees from across
21 New Mexico and even outside the United States; and

22 WHEREAS, support groups are led by peers who have
23 experience in suicide issues and who have been trained to
24 facilitate; and

25 WHEREAS, survivors of suicide meetings are attended by

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1 both recent and long-time survivors, who benefit from the
2 sharing of experiences and approaches to the loss through
3 suicide; and

4 WHEREAS, meetings are also frequently attended by mental
5 health professionals who offer various perspectives on
6 unexpected death, grief and bereavement, guilt, responsibility
7 and mourning; and

8 WHEREAS, it is important to remove the stigma of suicide
9 for survivors and to speak out about mental health issues and
10 suicide; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors of suicide volunteers are dedicated to
12 providing information and support to assist in the grieving and
13 healing process;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 22, 2023 be declared
16 "Survivors of Suicide Day" in the legislature; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to survivors of suicide.