

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES;
3 REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER;
4 DECLARING MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013, "CREATE HOPE FOR A
5 CANCER-FREE WORLD DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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7 WHEREAS, more than nine thousand six hundred forty
8 New Mexicans were newly diagnosed with cancer in 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years, the American cancer
10 society relay for life has been celebrating hope, with over
11 eleven thousand four hundred New Mexicans participating
12 annually, giving a voice to so many touched by cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, twelve years ago, in 2001, many of these voices
14 joined together to form a nationwide grassroots movement
15 called the American cancer society cancer action network, an
16 organization united and relentless in pursuit of its mission
17 to defeat cancer by working with lawmakers to create hope for
18 those affected by cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless challenges
20 associated with their diagnoses, including physical,
21 emotional, financial and day-to-day challenges; and

22 WHEREAS, people without access to quality, affordable
23 health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed
24 with advanced-stage cancer, resulting in significantly worse
25 health outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients;

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2 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for cancer is
3 sixty-eight percent, up from forty-nine percent thirty years
4 ago, thanks to cancer research as well as lifesaving cancer
5 prevention, screening, early detection and treatment
6 programs; and

7 WHEREAS, it is essential to preserve the quality of life
8 and dignity of all people who struggle with cancer and who
9 often feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

10 WHEREAS, volunteers and members of the American cancer
11 society cancer action network work diligently every day to
12 advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors and
13 caregivers so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a
14 major public health issue;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it honor cancer patients, survivors
17 and their families; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it remember those people who
19 have been lost to cancer; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it declare Monday,
21 January 28, 2013, "Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day"
22 in the senate; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the governor.

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