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2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL VIOLENCE AGAINST
12 WOMEN ACT OF 1994.

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14 WHEREAS, the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994
15 recognizes the insidious and pervasive nature of domestic
16 violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and
17 created comprehensive, effective cost-saving responses to these
18 crimes; and

19 WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault affect
20 millions of Americans every year regardless of their age,
21 economic status, race, religion or education; and

22 WHEREAS, nearly one in four women is beaten or raped by a
23 partner during adulthood, and each year approximately two
24 million three hundred thousand people are raped or physically
25 assaulted by a current or former intimate partner; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico law enforcement identified twenty-one
2 thousand three hundred sixty-eight victims of domestic violence
3 in 2011 and six thousand two hundred nineteen children who were
4 present and witnessed domestic violence; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico receives approximately one million two
6 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in funding for domestic
7 violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault and stalking
8 program services through the Violence Against Women Act; and

9 WHEREAS, it has been more than two years since the
10 Violence Against Women Act expired;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it encourage the New Mexico
13 congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., to immediately
14 vote in favor of reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act
15 of 1994 in a bipartisan manner to protect all victims of
16 intimate partner violence; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional
19 delegation and to the chief clerks of the United States senate
20 and the United States house of representatives.