

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2015 AS "CREATE HOPE FOR A CANCER-FREE
3 WORLD DAY" IN THE SENATE AND HONORING CANCER PATIENTS,
4 SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHILE REMEMBERING THOSE WHO
5 HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER.

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7 WHEREAS, more than ten thousand two hundred New
8 Mexicans were newly diagnosed with cancer in 2014; and

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

13 WHEREAS, in 2001, many of these voices joined together
14 to form a nationwide grass-roots movement called the
15 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
18 for 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

1 patients; and

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

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

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2015 be designated as
18 "Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day" in the senate,
19 honoring cancer patients, survivors and their families while
20 remembering those who have been lost to cancer; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the governor and members of the New Mexico
23 senate. _____

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