

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING ELENA GIACCI FOR HER TIRELESS WORK SERVING
3 VICTIMS OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

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5 WHEREAS, Elena Giacci is a proud Diné woman and a native
6 of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, Elena has dedicated herself to serving victims
8 of sexual and domestic violence for twenty-eight years; and

9 WHEREAS, Elena is a development and training director on
10 sexual and intimate partner violence issues throughout North
11 America and a strong advocate for American Indian and Alaskan
12 native people and has worked with many diverse communities;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Elena began her career in 1989 as a hospital
15 advocate with the Albuquerque rape crisis center and designed
16 the first domestic violence training program for the income
17 support division of the human services department; and

18 WHEREAS, Elena volunteered with the prestigious and
19 nationally recognized Albuquerque police department domestic
20 abuse response team, served as the president of the board of
21 directors for the rape crisis center of central New Mexico
22 and was chair of the New Mexico intimate partner violence
23 death review team; and

24 WHEREAS, Elena has served as the executive director of
25 the state coalition to stop violence against native women,

1 co-chair of Albuquerque mayor Martin Chavez's sexual assault
2 task force, a member of the New Mexico governor's victims
3 rights alliance and chair of the coalition to stop violence
4 against women and children; and

5 WHEREAS, Elena was one of the team leaders for the
6 national Indian health service's domestic violence clinic
7 demonstration project, which worked with more than one
8 hundred Indian, tribal and urban health care facilities as
9 well as domestic violence programs across the United States
10 to improve the health care system response to domestic
11 violence; and

12 WHEREAS, Elena was co-investigator with Dr. Elizabeth
13 Miller in the research study by the national institute of
14 child health and human development: *Partner Violence and*
15 *Reproductive Coercion among Native American Women*; and

16 WHEREAS, Elena was the national faculty leader for the
17 five-year Native project 2.0, in cooperation with the
18 national organization, futures without violence; and

19 WHEREAS, Elena produced policy and protocols that
20 improved public health responses to domestic and sexual
21 violence in American Indian women's health programs; and

22 WHEREAS, Elena was the recipient of the young women's
23 Christian association women on the move award in recognition
24 of women who provide leadership and make significant
25 contributions to their community; and

1 WHEREAS, Elena was awarded the 2012 FIRE, fueling
2 increasingly relevant education, award in recognition of
3 community leaders promoting social justice and equality; and

4 WHEREAS, Elena is also a trainer working with media and
5 developing media relations for topics related to domestic and
6 sexual violence; and

7 WHEREAS, since 1999, Elena has produced and directed a
8 "Stop the Violence" television show in Albuquerque; and

9 WHEREAS, Elena is currently chair of Albuquerque Mayor
10 Richard J. Berry's domestic violence sexual assault task
11 force, where she and members of the task force created the
12 first Albuquerque police department national model for
13 limited English policies; and

14 WHEREAS, this model has been followed up with training
15 of the Albuquerque police department cadets on understanding
16 cultural and diversity issues; and

17 WHEREAS, Elena will spend whatever time is needed to
18 advocate for a victim and will use every ounce of her voice
19 and breath to support those who have suffered great trauma;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Elena is dedicating her time to the subject of
22 historical trauma, oppression and violence against women; and

23 WHEREAS, Elena attributes her knowledge in advocacy to
24 the numerous women, men and children who have honored her
25 with their stories and friendship;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Elena Giacci be recognized for her
tireless work serving victims of sexual and domestic
violence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to Elena Giacci.