HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2019 "ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS
DAY" IN THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, the most common cause of
dementia, is a degenerative, fatal disease of the brain that
destroys mental and physical functions; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is not a part of the normal
aging process; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure, treatment or prevention
for Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, every sixty-five seconds, someone in America
develops Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, an estimated five million seven hundred thousand
Americans now live with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that by mid-century,

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1   someone will develop Alzheimer's disease every thirty-three

2   seconds; and

3   WHEREAS, data indicate that Hispanics are approximately

4   one and one-half times as likely to have Alzheimer's disease or

5   other dementia as older non-Hispanic whites; and

6   WHEREAS, between 2018 and 2025, New Mexico is projected to

7   experience a thirty-six percent growth rate of people with this

8   devastating disease; and

9   WHEREAS, by the year 2025, New Mexico will have an

10   estimated fifty-three thousand residents diagnosed with

11   Alzheimer's disease;

12   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

13   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2019 be proclaimed

14   "Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Day" in the legislature to honor

15   the many individuals and their loved ones who have been

16   affected by Alzheimer's disease and to raise public awareness

17   of this disease; and

18   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

19   transmitted to the governor's office and the secretary of aging

20   and long-term services.

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