

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2020 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological
5 disorder that interferes with the development of
6 communication and social interaction skills; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2018, the federal centers for disease
8 control and prevention reported that one in every fifty-nine
9 children is diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder;
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11 WHEREAS, autism affects people of all races and
12 religions and all educational and economic levels; and

13 WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that presents
14 challenges to education, employment, housing and community
15 development; and

16 WHEREAS, parents, professionals, self-advocates and
17 volunteers devote countless hours to improve the quality of
18 life of those affected by autism; and

19 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices
20 and proven support systems greatly improve the outcomes and
21 reduce the lifelong costs of care of individuals with autism
22 and their families; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the
24 valuable contributions to its communities, businesses,
25 technologies and cultures made by people with autism; and

1 WHEREAS, the many professionals, families, advocates and
2 volunteers working to promote a greater understanding of
3 autism to improve the quality of life of those affected by
4 autism are to be commended;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2020 be declared
7 "Autism Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the New Mexico affiliate of the autism society
10 of America. _____

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