

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 19, 2020 "MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, to assist in the effort to locate and identify
6 missing and unidentified persons, within thirty days the
7 department of public safety is now required by the
8 Mark Daniel Aguilar information sharing requirement of the
9 Missing Persons Information and Reporting Act to share the
10 following information with the national missing and
11 unidentified persons system created by the United States
12 department of justice's national institute of justice:

13 A. all information in the missing persons
14 information clearinghouse; and

15 B. all information the department receives
16 pursuant to the Missing Persons Information and Reporting Act
17 regarding the identification and location of missing and
18 unidentified persons or human remains; and

19 WHEREAS, the Mark Daniel Aguilar information sharing
20 requirement became effective on June 14, 2019; and

21 WHEREAS, in addition, public notice required pursuant to
22 the Missing Persons and Information Reporting Act was
23 expanded by 2019 Senate Bill 42 to include a "silver alert"
24 when a person suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's disease
25 goes missing, regardless of the age of the missing person;

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2 WHEREAS, the bill also clarifies the responsibilities of
3 the various agencies and cellular service companies involved
4 in the notice process; and

5 WHEREAS, there are currently over seven hundred
6 fifty-six active missing persons cases and one hundred
7 eighteen unidentified persons cases in New Mexico that have
8 been successfully shared and imported into the national
9 missing and unidentified persons system as of
10 December 31, 2019; and

11 WHEREAS, the national missing and unidentified persons
12 system has seventeen thousand one hundred twenty-four missing
13 persons and thirteen thousand one hundred thirty-six
14 unidentified persons entered into the national database; and

15 WHEREAS, the national crime information center as of
16 December 2018 contained eighty-five thousand four hundred
17 fifty-nine active missing persons records; and

18 WHEREAS, the national missing and unidentified persons
19 system is a nationwide information clearinghouse for missing,
20 unidentified and unclaimed persons cases across the United
21 States that provides resources to law enforcement, medical
22 examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals and family
23 members of missing persons; and

24 WHEREAS, missing persons cases affect people of every
25 age, race, religion, socioeconomic status, gender and social

1 and cultural background, changing the dynamic of a family in
2 an instant; and

3 WHEREAS, few circumstances are more devastating to a
4 family than the unknown whereabouts or fate of a loved one;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 19, 2020 be declared
7 "Missing and Unidentified Persons Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be extended to
9 all missing and unidentified persons and to the many families
10 of missing persons that endure ambiguous loss; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexicans recognize those
12 families affected by a loved one's disappearance and continue
13 to keep missing persons a priority; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the secretary of public safety. _____

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