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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE NEW MEXICO OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION FOR
HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF VISION HEALTH.

WHEREAS, eye health and vision care are important to overall health and wellness, yet up to sixteen million Americans struggle with undiagnosed or untreated vision impairments; and

WHEREAS, eye diseases, vision loss and eye disorders create an estimated one-hundred-thirty-nine-billion-dollar (\$139,000,000,000) economic burden; and

WHEREAS, having a comprehensive eye examination with a doctor of optometry as part of a person's annual health care routine is the simplest step that a person can take to help protect the person's vision and ensure early diagnosis and treatment of visual system diseases, such as glaucoma, a

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1 leading cause of blindness; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico optometric association, the
3 American optometric association and member doctors of optometry
4 serve as a nationwide force for vision and health and are
5 committed to educating and informing policymakers, employers,
6 the news media and the public about essential eye health and
7 vision care; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout 2020, the New Mexico optometric
9 association is encouraging people to understand the importance
10 of eye health and to take care of their vision and health by
11 making an appointment for an in-person, comprehensive eye
12 examination;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be
15 extended to the New Mexico optometric association for
16 highlighting the importance of vision health; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico optometric
19 association.