

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 21, 2023 "MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, to assist in the efforts to locate and identify
6 missing and unidentified persons, within thirty days, the
7 department of public safety is 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 of public safety
16 receives pursuant to the Missing Persons Information and
17 Reporting Act regarding the identification and location of
18 missing and 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 New Mexico, there are currently more than
22 two hundred thirty-two active missing persons cases and one
23 hundred thirty-two unidentified persons cases that have been
24 successfully shared and imported into the national missing
25 and unidentified persons system as of February 6, 2023; and

1 WHEREAS, the national missing and unidentified persons
2 system is a nationwide information clearinghouse for missing,
3 unidentified and unclaimed persons cases across the
4 United States that provides resources to law enforcement,
5 medical examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals
6 and family members of missing persons; and

7 WHEREAS, the national missing and unidentified persons
8 system has twenty-two thousand six hundred ninety-two missing
9 persons and fourteen thousand three hundred sixty
10 unidentified persons entered into the national database; and

11 WHEREAS, the national crime information center, as of
12 December 31, 2020, contained eighty-nine thousand six hundred
13 thirty-seven active missing persons records; and

14 WHEREAS, missing persons cases affect people of every
15 age, race, religion, socioeconomic status, gender and social
16 and cultural background, changing the dynamic of a family in
17 an instant; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 21, 2023 be declared
22 "Missing and Unidentified Persons Day" in the senate; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be extended to
24 all missing and unidentified persons and to the many families
25 of missing persons that endure ambiguous loss; and

