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SENATE MEMORIAL 11

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 26, 2023 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

WHEREAS, in 2018, the federal centers for disease control and prevention reported that one in every forty-four children is diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder; and

WHEREAS, autism affects people of all races and religions and all educational and economic levels; and

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

WHEREAS, parents, professionals, self-advocates and volunteers devote countless hours to improving the quality of

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1 life of those affected by autism; and

2 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices and
3 proven support systems greatly improve the outcomes and reduce
4 the lifelong costs of care of individuals with autism and their
5 families; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the valuable
7 contributions to its communities, businesses, technologies and
8 cultures made by people with autism; and

9 WHEREAS, the many professionals, families, advocates and
10 volunteers working to promote a greater understanding of autism
11 to improve the quality of life of those affected by autism are
12 to be commended;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
14 OF NEW MEXICO that January 26, 2023 be declared "Autism Day" in
15 the senate; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the New Mexico affiliate of the autism society
18 of America.