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57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 12, 2025 "FAMILY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the family is the cornerstone of a healthy and vibrant society, providing essential emotional support, nurturance and stability; and

WHEREAS, families come in many forms and are shaped by diverse cultural traditions, values and practices across New Mexico, including the unique contributions of Native American, Hispanic, Anglo, African American and immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's rich cultural heritage and traditions honor family as a central element of life, from extended family structures to community networks that support and strengthen individuals; and

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1 WHEREAS, studies have consistently shown that stable
2 family environments lead to greater emotional stability for
3 individuals, particularly children, by fostering feelings of
4 safety, love and support, which are critical for healthy
5 development and well-being; and

6 WHEREAS, families provide the foundation for personal
7 growth, economic stability and the overall resilience of
8 communities and deserve recognition for their enduring
9 contributions to the fabric of New Mexico's society; and

10 WHEREAS, designating February 12, 2025 as "Family Day"
11 serves as an opportunity to recognize, celebrate and strengthen
12 the bonds of family across the state, while honoring the
13 diverse ways in which families come together to support one
14 another; and

15 WHEREAS, Family Day provides a dedicated time to reflect
16 on the importance of family, promote family-friendly policies
17 and encourage actions that support family well-being, including
18 access to quality health care, education and housing;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12,
21 2025 be declared "Family Day" in the house of representatives;
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this designation recognize the
24 importance of family in all its forms, including the diversity
25 of family structures and cultural practices that contribute to

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1 the vibrancy of New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on Family Day, the people of
3 New Mexico be encouraged to celebrate the central role that
4 families play in shaping individuals' emotional and
5 psychological well-being, promoting strong communities and
6 fostering personal and collective growth; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
8 support initiatives that promote family stability, including
9 programs that strengthen families, promote mental health and
10 enhance economic security for all families in the state; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor of New Mexico, the secretary of
13 children, youth and families, the secretary of health, the
14 secretary of health care authority and the secretary of early
15 childhood education and care.

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