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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 11
42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12 THROUGH 18, 1996 AS "RANDOM ACTS OF
KINDNESS WEEK" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, on the three-year anniversary of the publication
of the book "Random Acts of Kindness", the nation will celebrate
national random acts of kindness week; and

WHEREAS, the rise in popularity of the idea of random acts
of kindness has spread from the book to bumperstickers, buttons,
national coverage on talk shows, radio shows and newspaper
stories to the inception of a random acts of kindness week
nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the idea behind random acts of kindness week is
simply to encourage people everywhere to take a few minutes from
their daily lives and act with caring and compassion toward a

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1 stranger in some small way which may in turn inspire that person
2 to act with kindness toward yet another stranger, through
3 selfless acts such as putting coins in another person's expired
4 parking meter, helping a busy mother or an elderly person carry
5 groceries to their car, taking home-baked cookies to a
6 retirement home or innumerable other acts that are done simply
7 out of kindness toward other human beings in general and without
8 regard for personal gain; and

9 WHEREAS, teachers should also promote random acts of
10 kindness week, by encouraging schoolchildren to participate in
11 random acts of kindness by taking time out of recess to help
12 clean up the playground, inviting a new student to share their
13 lunches, holding a canned food drive or simply encouraging
14 others around them to commit one random act of kindness each
15 day;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12 through 18, 1996 be
18 proclaimed as "random acts of kindness week" and encourage all
19 New Mexicans to treat one another with compassion and caring, as
20 well as encourage schoolchildren to participate in all manner of
21 random acts of kindness; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be sent
23 to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president
24 pro tempore of the senate, the superintendent of public
25 instruction and the governor.

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