

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 11, 2019 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological
6 disorder that interferes with the development of
7 communication and social interactions skills; and

8 WHEREAS, one in every fifty-eight children born in 2017
9 will be later diagnosed as having an autism spectrum
10 disorder; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, parents, professionals, self-advocates and
17 volunteers devote countless hours to improve the quality of
18 life of those affected by autism; and

19 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices
20 and proven support systems greatly improve the outcomes and
21 reduce the lifelong costs of care of individuals with autism
22 and their families; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the
24 valuable contributions to its communities, businesses,
25 technologies and cultures made by people with autism; and

1 WHEREAS, the many professionals, families, advocates and
2 volunteers working to promote a greater understanding of
3 autism to improve the quality of life of those affected by
4 autism are to be commended;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 11,
7 2019 be declared "Autism Day" in the house of
8 representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the New Mexico affiliate of the autism society
11 of America.

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