

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 17, 2024 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

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

8 WHEREAS, in 2020, the federal centers for disease
9 control and prevention reported that one in every thirty-six
10 children is diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder;
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12 WHEREAS, autism affects people of all races and
13 religions and all educational and economic levels; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the
25 valuable contributions to its communities, businesses,

1 technologies and cultures made by people with autism; and

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

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 17,
8 2024 be declared "Autism Day" in the house of
9 representatives; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to elevate the spectrum, incorporated, a New
12 Mexico-based grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to
13 empowering individuals on the autism spectrum and their
14 families through inclusion, advocacy and friendship. _____

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