

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES,
3 REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER AND
4 DECLARING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011, AS "PUTTING A FACE ON
5 CANCER DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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7 WHEREAS, more than nine thousand New Mexicans were newly
8 diagnosed with cancer in 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years, the American cancer
10 society relay for life has been celebrating hope, including
11 hope for more than eleven thousand four hundred New Mexicans
12 annually, giving a voice to so many touched by cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, ten years ago, in 2001, many of these voices
14 joined together to form a nationwide grassroots movement
15 called the American cancer society cancer action network, an
16 organization united and relentless in pursuit of its mission
17 to defeat cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless challenges
19 associated with their diagnoses, including physical,
20 emotional, financial and day-to-day challenges; and

21 WHEREAS, people without access to quality, affordable
22 health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed
23 with advanced-stage cancer, resulting in substantially worse
24 health outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for cancer is
2 sixty-eight percent, up from fifty percent twenty years ago,
3 thanks to cancer research as well as lifesaving cancer
4 screening, early detection and treatment programs; and

5 WHEREAS, it is essential to preserve the quality of life
6 and dignity of all people who have struggled with cancer and
7 who often feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

8 WHEREAS, volunteers and members of the American cancer
9 society cancer action network work diligently every day to
10 advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors and
11 caregivers so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a
12 major public health issue;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it honor cancer patients, survivors
15 and their families, remember those people who have been lost
16 to cancer and declare Thursday, February 3, 2011, as "Putting
17 a Face on Cancer Day" in the senate; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the governor, to the New Mexico office of the
20 American cancer society cancer action network and to all of
21 the members of the New Mexico senate.

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