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SENATE MEMORIAL 26

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN ACT OF 1994.

WHEREAS, the federal Violence Against Women Act of 1994 recognizes the insidious and pervasive nature of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and created comprehensive, effective cost-saving responses to these crimes; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and sexual assault affect millions of Americans every year regardless of their age, economic status, race, religion or education; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in four women is beaten or raped by a partner during adulthood, and each year approximately two million three hundred thousand people are raped or physically assaulted by a current or former intimate partner; and

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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico law enforcement identified twenty-one
2 thousand three hundred sixty-eight victims of domestic violence
3 in 2011 and six thousand two hundred nineteen children who were
4 present and witnessed domestic violence; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico receives approximately one million two
6 hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in funding for domestic
7 violence, teen dating violence, sexual assault and stalking
8 program services through the Violence Against Women Act; and

9 WHEREAS, it has been more than two years since the
10 Violence Against Women Act expired;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that it encourage the New Mexico congressional
13 delegation in Washington, D.C., to immediately vote in favor of
14 reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 in a
15 bipartisan manner to protect all victims of intimate partner
16 violence; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to each member of the New Mexico congressional
19 delegation and to the chief clerks of the United States senate
20 and the United States house of representatives.