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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2023 "SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE DAY" IN
THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, survivors of suicide is a nonprofit
organization that offers support groups to serve the needs of
people suffering the loss of a loved one by suicide; and

WHEREAS, survivors of suicide holds ten to twelve
meetings a month in Albuquerque and Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, in addition to in-person meetings, survivors of
suicide also holds virtual meetings with attendees from
across New Mexico and even outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, support groups are led by peers who have
experience in suicide issues and who have been trained to
facilitate; and

WHEREAS, survivors of suicide meetings are attended by
both recent and long-time survivors, who benefit from the
sharing of experiences and approaches to the loss through
suicide; and

WHEREAS, meetings are also frequently attended by
mental health professionals who offer various perspectives on
unexpected death, grief and bereavement, guilt,
responsibility and mourning; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remove the stigma of suicide
for survivors and to speak out about mental health issues and

1 suicide; and

2 WHEREAS, survivors of suicide volunteers are dedicated
3 to providing information and support to assist in the
4 grieving and healing process;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 22, 2023 be declared
7 "Survivors of Suicide Day" in the legislature; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to survivors of suicide. _____

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