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2	48th legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - second session, 2008
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	PROCLAIMING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008, "DISABILITY AWARENESS
12	DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.
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14	WHEREAS, persons with disabilities and their family
15	members represent over one-fourth of New Mexico's population;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, this community advocates with legislators to
18	improve the continuum of disability services statewide; and
19	WHEREAS, this community advocates ensuring that disability
20	services are consumer- and family-driven; and
21	WHEREAS, this community advocates increasing disability
22	education and training to individuals, families, providers and
23	the general public; and
24	WHEREAS, this community advocates providing adequate
25	funding to address the needs of the disability community; and
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WHEREAS, this community advocates ensuring that disability services are provided in a culturally competent manner; and

WHEREAS, this community advocates using data and information in the decision-making process for the disability continuum in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, this community advocates increasing the number of persons serving those with disabilities in New Mexico by providing appropriate employment and housing opportunities for disability services workers; and

WHEREAS, self-advocates, family members, other advocates and providers strive to ensure that persons with disabilities lead personally meaningful lives, reaching personal goals with resiliency and hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Wednesday, January 30, 2008, be proclaimed "Disability Awareness Day" at the legislature to honor persons with disabilities and their families, advocates and providers, who enrich New Mexico's culture and contribute to the continuing improvement in the quality of life of New Mexico's persons with disabilities.

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