

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 23

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PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009, "DISABILITY RIGHTS
AWARENESS DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, persons with disabilities and their family
members represent over one-fifth of New Mexico's population;
and

WHEREAS, this community advocates with legislators to
improve the continuum of disability services statewide; and

WHEREAS, this community advocates ensuring that disability
services are consumer- and family-driven; and

WHEREAS, this community advocates increasing disability
education and training to individuals, families, providers and
the general public; and

WHEREAS, this community advocates providing adequate
funding to address the needs of the disability community; and

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1 WHEREAS, this community advocates ensuring that disability
2 services are provided in a culturally competent manner; and

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

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

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

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Tuesday, February 3, 2009, be
16 proclaimed "Disability Rights Awareness Day" at the legislature
17 to honor persons with disabilities and their families,
18 advocates and providers, who enrich New Mexico's culture and
19 contribute to the continuing improvement in the quality of life
20 of New Mexico's persons with disabilities.