

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 23, 2012 AS "CREATE HOPE FOR A CANCER-FREE
3 WORLD DAY" IN THE SENATE; HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS
4 AND THEIR FAMILIES; REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO
5 CANCER.

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7 WHEREAS, more than nine thousand six hundred forty
8 New Mexicans will be diagnosed with cancer in 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, the American cancer society relay for life has
10 been a celebration of hope for over twenty-five years; and

11 WHEREAS, the American cancer society relay for life is a
12 life-changing event providing an opportunity to celebrate the
13 lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones
14 lost and fight back against the disease; and

15 WHEREAS, over eleven thousand four hundred New Mexicans
16 participate annually in the American cancer society relay for
17 life; and

18 WHEREAS, the American cancer society gives a voice to so
19 many touched by cancer; and

20 WHEREAS, many of these voices joined together in 2001 to
21 form a nationwide grassroots movement called the American
22 cancer society cancer action network; and

23 WHEREAS, the American cancer society action network is
24 tireless in working with lawmakers to achieve its mission of
25 defeating cancer and creating hope for those affected by

1 cancer; and

2 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless daily challenges
3 associated with their diagnoses, affecting their physical,
4 emotional and financial well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, those without access to quality, affordable
6 health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed
7 with advanced-stage cancer; and

8 WHEREAS, delayed diagnosis results in significantly
9 worse health outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer
10 patients; and

11 WHEREAS, cancer research, as well as lifesaving cancer
12 prevention, screening, early detection and treatment
13 programs, have increased the five-year survival rate for
14 cancer from forty-nine percent thirty years ago to
15 sixty-seven percent today; and

16 WHEREAS, it is essential to preserve the quality of life
17 and dignity of all those who struggle with cancer and who
18 often feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

19 WHEREAS, volunteers and members of the American cancer
20 society cancer action network work diligently every day to
21 advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors and
22 caregivers so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a
23 major public health issue;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2012 be declared "Create

1 Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day" in the senate; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate honor cancer
3 patients, survivors and their families; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the senate remember those
5 who have been lost to cancer; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the governor and to the American cancer society
8 cancer action network. _____

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