

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 23

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 14, 2014 AS "ONE BILLION RISING FOR  
12 JUSTICE DAY" IN THE LEGISLATURE.

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14 WHEREAS, one billion rising for justice was initiated to  
15 demand justice and to end impunity for acts of violence against  
16 women and girls; and

17 WHEREAS, there are seven billion people on the planet, and  
18 one out of three women on the planet will be raped or beaten in  
19 her lifetime, which means more than one billion women will be  
20 affected; and

21 WHEREAS, one billion rising is an invitation to demand  
22 justice, a call to men and women to rise, release and dance, a  
23 call for an end to impunity and a call to take action against a  
24 rape culture and violence in its many forms against women and  
25 girls; and

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1           WHEREAS, one billion rising recognizes that violence  
2           against women cannot end without looking at the intersection of  
3           poverty, racism, war, the plunder of the environment,  
4           capitalism, imperialism and patriarchy; and

5           WHEREAS, injustice lives at the heart of these  
6           interlocking forces, and laws must establish boundaries to end  
7           the many pathways of abuse; and

8           WHEREAS, because violence has no boundaries, legal means  
9           must be used to end violence; and

10          WHEREAS, justice must be ensured for everyone regardless  
11          of economic or social status, with no discrimination on the  
12          basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed,  
13          religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, marital  
14          status or age; and

15          WHEREAS, one billion rising for justice will demonstrate  
16          empowerment through a dance revolution and is inviting all  
17          women and men to walk out, dance, rise up and demand justice  
18          and to end violence; and

19          WHEREAS, all men and women are encouraged to seek justice,  
20          to embrace survivors and to encourage healing through embracing  
21          "just live, just love and just art"; and

22          WHEREAS, one billion rising for justice will use art to  
23          transform thinking and to inspire women and men across New  
24          Mexico to ask for lasting social and cultural change; and

25          WHEREAS, New Mexico's judicial efforts to strengthen the

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1 justice system and stand in solidarity to support all efforts  
2 across the globe are applauded;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 14, 2014 be proclaimed "One  
5 Billion Rising for Justice Day" in the legislature; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that One Billion Rising for Justice  
7 Day be recognized as an event dedicated to seeking justice for  
8 all survivors of violence, including rape, battery, incest,  
9 domestic violence, sexual violence and human trafficking; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that One Billion Rising for Justice  
11 Day honor all New Mexico residents, in all of their diversity;  
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the many state organizations  
14 that serve women and girls be honored for their contributions;  
15 and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the New Mexico coalition of sexual assault  
18 programs.