

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING CANCER PATIENTS AND SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
3 OTHER CAREGIVERS; REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST
4 TO CANCER; DECLARING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014, AS "CREATE
5 HOPE FOR A CANCER-FREE WORLD DAY IN THE SENATE".

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7 WHEREAS, more than ten thousand New Mexicans were newly
8 diagnosed with cancer in 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years, the American cancer
10 society relay for life has been celebrating hope, giving a
11 voice to so many touched by cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, thirteen years ago, many of these voices joined
13 together to form a nationwide grassroots movement called the
14 American cancer society cancer action network, an
15 organization united and relentless in pursuit of its mission
16 to defeat cancer by working with lawmakers to create hope for
17 those affected by cancer; and

18 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless challenges
19 associated with their diagnoses, including physical,
20 emotional, financial and ordinary day-to-day challenges; and

21 WHEREAS, people without access to quality, affordable
22 health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed
23 with advanced-stage cancer, resulting in significantly worse
24 health outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients;
25 and

1 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for cancer is
2 sixty-eight percent, up from forty-nine percent nearly forty
3 years ago, thanks to cancer research as well as lifesaving
4 cancer prevention, screening, early detection and treatment
5 programs; and

6 WHEREAS, it is essential to preserve the quality of life
7 and dignity of all people who have struggled with cancer and
8 who often feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

9 WHEREAS, volunteers and members of the American cancer
10 society cancer action network work diligently every day to
11 advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors and
12 caregivers so that one day cancer will be eliminated as a
13 major public health issue;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it honor cancer patients and
16 survivors and their families and other caregivers, remember
17 those people who have been lost to cancer and declare Monday,
18 February 10, 2014, as "Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World
19 Day in the Senate"; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the governor and to the American cancer society
22 cancer action network. _____

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