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HOUSE MEMORIAL 105
53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017
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A MEMORIAL
DECLARING MARCH 8, 2017 "A DAY WITHOUT A WOMAN DAY" IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, March 8 is international women's day; and
WHEREAS, celebrating a day without a woman on March 8,
2017 is an opportunity to stand with women around the globe, as
an act for equality, justice and the human rights of all women
and all gender-oppressed people, through a one-day
demonstration of economic solidarity; and

WHEREAS, in the same spirit of love and liberation that
inspired the women's march on Washington, a day without a woman
recognizes the enormous value that women of all backgrounds add
to the socio-economic system, while receiving lower wages and
experiencing greater inequities, vulnerability to
discrimination, social oppression and political targeting; and

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1 WHEREAS, a day without a woman can be celebrated in the
2 following ways:

3 A. by women taking the day off, from paid or unpaid
4 labor;

5 B. by avoiding shopping in stores or online for one
6 day, with the exception of small women- or minority-owned
7 businesses; and

8 C. by wearing red in solidarity with a day without
9 a woman; and

10 WHEREAS, the goal of a day without a woman is to highlight
11 the economic power and significance that women have in the
12 United States and global economies, while calling attention to
13 the economic injustices women and gender-nonconforming people
14 continue to face; and

15 WHEREAS, a day without a woman recognizes that transsexual
16 and gender-nonconforming people face heightened levels of
17 social oppression and political targeting, and a day without a
18 woman calls for gender justice; and

19 WHEREAS, women play an indispensable role in the daily
20 functions of life in all of society, through paid and unpaid,
21 seen and unseen labor; and

22 WHEREAS, the power for women to control their bodies and
23 be free from gender norms, expectations and stereotypes is
24 essential; and

25 WHEREAS, the end of hiring discrimination and the creation

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1 of workforce opportunities that reduce discrimination against
2 women and mothers allow economies to thrive; and

3 WHEREAS, nations and industries that support and invest in
4 caregiving and basic workplace protections, including benefits
5 like paid family leave, access to affordable childcare, sick
6 days, health care, fair pay, vacation time and healthy work
7 environments, have shown increased growth and increased
8 capacity; and

9 WHEREAS, a day without a woman has chosen red as a color
10 signifying revolutionary love and sacrifice, and red has a
11 history of being associated with the labor movement; and

12 WHEREAS, a day without a woman reaffirms a commitment to
13 the principles of unity; and

14 WHEREAS, a day without a woman is a valuable opportunity
15 to say that women's rights are human rights, regardless of a
16 woman's race, ethnicity, religion, immigration status, sexual
17 identity, gender expression, economic status, age or
18 disability;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 8, 2017
21 be declared "A Day Without a Woman Day" in the house of
22 representatives; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that women and their allies act
24 together for equality, justice and the human rights of all
25 women and all gender-oppressed people by observing "A Day

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1 Without a Woman Day"; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the New Mexico chapters of the national
4 organization for women.

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