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**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2022 "MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, to assist in the effort to locate and identify missing and unidentified persons, within thirty days the department of public safety is now required by the Mark Daniel Aguilar information sharing requirement of the Missing Persons Information and Reporting Act to share the following information with the national missing and unidentified persons system created by the United States department of justice's national institute of justice:

A. all information in the missing persons information clearinghouse; and

B. all information the department receives pursuant to the Missing Persons Information and Reporting Act regarding

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1 the identification and location of missing and unidentified  
2 persons or human remains; and

3 WHEREAS, the Mark Daniel Aguilar information sharing  
4 requirement became effective on June 14, 2019; and

5 WHEREAS, there are currently over seven hundred fifty-six  
6 active missing persons cases and one hundred eighteen  
7 unidentified persons cases in New Mexico that have been  
8 successfully shared and imported into the national missing and  
9 unidentified persons system as of December 31, 2019; and

10 WHEREAS, the national missing and unidentified persons  
11 system has twenty-one thousand three hundred ninety-six missing  
12 persons and thirteen thousand nine hundred sixteen unidentified  
13 persons entered into the national database; and

14 WHEREAS, the national crime information center as of  
15 December 31, 2020 contained eighty-nine thousand six hundred  
16 thirty-seven active missing persons records; and

17 WHEREAS, the national missing and unidentified persons  
18 system is a nationwide information clearinghouse for missing,  
19 unidentified and unclaimed persons cases across the United  
20 States that provides resources to law enforcement, medical  
21 examiners, coroners, allied forensic professionals and family  
22 members of missing persons; and

23 WHEREAS, missing persons cases affect people of every age,  
24 race, religion, socioeconomic status, gender and social and  
25 cultural background, changing the dynamic of a family in an

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instant; and

WHEREAS, few circumstances are more devastating to a family than the unknown whereabouts or fate of a loved one;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2022 be declared "Missing and Unidentified Persons Day" in the senate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognition be extended to all missing and unidentified persons and to the many families of missing persons that endure ambiguous loss; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexicans recognize those families affected by a loved one's disappearance and continue to keep missing persons a priority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of public safety.