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**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2023 "SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE DAY" IN THE  
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, survivors of suicide is a nonprofit organization  
that offers support groups to serve the needs of people  
suffering the loss of a loved one by suicide; and

WHEREAS, survivors of suicide holds ten to twelve meetings  
a month in Albuquerque and Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, in addition to in-person meetings, survivors of  
suicide also holds virtual meetings with attendees from across  
New Mexico and even outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, support groups are led by peers who have  
experience in suicide issues and who have been trained to  
facilitate; and

WHEREAS, survivors of suicide meetings are attended by

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1 both recent and long-time survivors, who benefit from the  
2 sharing of experiences and approaches to the loss by suicide;  
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4 WHEREAS, meetings are also frequently attended by mental  
5 health professionals who offer various perspectives on  
6 unexpected death, grief and bereavement, guilt, responsibility  
7 and mourning; and

8 WHEREAS, it is important to remove the stigma of suicide  
9 for survivors and to speak out about mental health issues and  
10 suicide; and

11 WHEREAS, survivors of suicide volunteers are dedicated to  
12 providing information and support to assist in the grieving and  
13 healing process;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 22, 2023 be declared  
16 "Survivors of Suicide Day" in the legislature; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to survivors of suicide.

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