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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023, "FOSTER CARE DAY" IN THE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, hundreds of New Mexicans serve the state and its  
children as resource families through traditional foster care  
and kinship care; and

WHEREAS, foster care parents provide children in their  
care with unconditional love and support, emotional safety,  
educational opportunities, stability and, in many instances,  
the opportunity to be children without the burden of adult  
responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, children in foster care rely on their resource  
families, advocates and providers to accept them for who they  
are and where they come from and to provide the necessary  
support and encouragement to set goals for their futures and to

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1 believe in the power of their dreams; and

2 WHEREAS, resource families open their homes, hearts and  
3 lives to children who need love and support while maintaining  
4 respect for, and fostering connections to, the children's  
5 cultural communities and religions; and

6 WHEREAS, many children are adopted by the resource  
7 families that have offered those children love, support and  
8 nurturing; and

9 WHEREAS, resource families, advocates and providers find  
10 it a joy and a privilege to parent and learn from the children  
11 placed in their care, build up the children's self-esteem and  
12 provide them with structure; and

13 WHEREAS, resource families, advocates and providers  
14 selflessly bestow opportunities for educational, emotional,  
15 mental and physical growth to the children in their care so  
16 that each child is treated with dignity and respect, while  
17 preparing the children to be confident, respectful, responsible  
18 and self-sufficient adults;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Wednesday,  
21 March 1, 2023, be declared "Foster Care Day" in the house of  
22 representatives; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that throughout the state of New  
24 Mexico, resource families, advocates and providers who  
25 selflessly serve and advocate for the children of New Mexico be

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1 treated with dignity and respect and be appreciated for the  
2 great service they provide through their altruism and love.

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