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SENATE MEMORIAL 33

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

INTRODUCED BY

Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics and Mimi Stewart and Peter Wirth and
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A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
EQUALITY NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the coalition for human rights in New Mexico was
created for the well-being of all lesbian, gay, bisexual and
transgender individuals in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, a group of New Mexicans transitioned
from the coalition for human rights to create a statewide
organization with the goal of equality for all lesbian, gay,
bisexual and transgender individuals; and

WHEREAS, the coalition for human rights in New Mexico
revised the organization's name to equality New Mexico and has
educated legislators, educators, government department staff
and residents across the state about the lives of lesbian, gay,
bisexual and transgender New Mexicans; and

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1 WHEREAS, the dedication and persistence of advocates,
2 allies and legislators over fourteen years, starting in 1989,
3 amended the Human Rights Act to offer protections for lesbian,
4 gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in New Mexico; and

5 WHEREAS, the actions of equality New Mexico ensured that
6 New Mexico would respect and validate same-sex marriages; and

7 WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has advocated for lesbian,
8 gay, bisexual and transgender seniors and elders in New Mexico,
9 their safety as they age and their unique health care needs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, three decades of continued advocacy for equity
12 and the liberation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender
13 New Mexicans has been instrumental in passing the Safe Schools
14 for All Students Act; and

15 WHEREAS, the work of equality New Mexico was also
16 instrumental in passing the Gender-Free Restrooms Act; and

17 WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has worked with others to
18 repeal harmful conversion therapy legislation and to defeat
19 anti-transgender legislation; and

20 WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender New
21 Mexicans and their families have benefited from the ongoing
22 efforts of equality New Mexico;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of
25 equality New Mexico be commemorated; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to equality New Mexico.

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