

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 55

2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2006  
12 AS MENOPAUSE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

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14 WHEREAS, menopause, in the year 2005, affected fifty  
15 million American women and has already affected millions more,  
16 and, according to the American college of obstetricians and  
17 gynecologists, "the result will be a national health concern of  
18 dramatic proportions, unless women are better educated about  
19 the changes of menopause and the measures that can prolong and  
20 enhance their lives"; and

21 WHEREAS, if not properly treated by a trained physician or  
22 nurse practitioner, the health risks of pre-menopausal and  
23 post-menopausal women can result in an increased number  
24 afflicted by osteoporosis and cardiovascular disease; and

25 WHEREAS, estrogen depletion, which occurs in menopause,

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1 results in an increase in cardiovascular disease and  
2 osteoporosis, resulting in over five hundred thirty thousand  
3 deaths of women per year, and these numbers could reach  
4 staggering proportions with the aging of the baby boom  
5 generation;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to proclaim  
8 the month of September 2006 as Menopause Awareness Month in New  
9 Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the governor.

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