

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 16, 2015 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological
5 disorder that interferes with the development of
6 communication and social interactions skills; and

7 WHEREAS, one in every sixty-eight children born in 2015
8 will be later diagnosed as having an autism spectrum
9 disorder; and

10 WHEREAS, autism affects people of all races and
11 religions and all educational and economic levels; and

12 WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong condition that presents
13 challenges to education, employment, housing and community
14 development; and

15 WHEREAS, parents, professionals, self-advocates and
16 volunteers devote countless hours to improve the quality of
17 life of those affected by autism; and

18 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices
19 and proven support systems greatly improve the outcomes and
20 reduce the lifelong costs of care of individuals with autism
21 and their families; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the
23 valuable contributions to its communities, businesses,
24 technologies and cultures made by people with autism; and

25 WHEREAS, the many professionals, families, advocates

1 and volunteers working to promote a greater understanding of
2 autism to improve the quality of life of those affected by
3 autism are to be commended;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 16, 2015 be declared
6 "Autism Day" in the senate; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the New Mexico affiliate of the autism
9 society of America. _____

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