

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 8, 2023 "EQUALITY NEW MEXICO DAY" IN THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND COMMEMORATING THE THIRTIETH
4 ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF EQUALITY NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, in 1993, a group of New Mexicans gathered
7 around a coffee table to organize toward equality for all
8 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals; and

9 WHEREAS, the coalition for equality in New Mexico was
10 created for the well-being of all lesbian, gay, bisexual,
11 transgender and queer individuals across New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, the coalition for equality in New Mexico
13 revised the organization's name to equality New Mexico and has
14 educated legislators, educators, government departments and
15 residents across the state about the lives and beauty of
16 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer New Mexicans;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, the dedication and persistence of advocates led
19 with New Mexico values ensured New Mexico would respect and
20 validate same-sex marriages; and

21 WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has advocated for lesbian,
22 gay, bisexual, transgender and queer seniors and elders in New
23 Mexico, their safety in their golden years and their unique
24 health care needs; and

25 WHEREAS, three decades of continued advocacy for

1 equality and liberation of lesbian, gay, bisexual,
2 transgender and queer New Mexicans have been instrumental in
3 passing the New Mexico Civil Rights Act, the Safe Schools for
4 All Students Act and the Gender-Free Restrooms Act; and

5 WHEREAS, equality New Mexico has worked in coalition to
6 repeal harmful conversion therapy and defeat anti-transgender
7 bills; and

8 WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer
9 New Mexicans and their families have benefited from the
10 ongoing efforts of equality New Mexico;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 8,
13 2023 be declared "Equality New Mexico Day" in the house of
14 representatives and that the thirtieth anniversary of the
15 founding of equality New Mexico be commemorated; and

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

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