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HOUSE MEMORIAL 7

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 17, 2024 "AUTISM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder is a neurological
disorder that affects the development of communication and
social interaction skills; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the federal centers for disease control
and prevention reported that one in every thirty-six children
is diagnosed as having an autism spectrum disorder; and

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

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

WHEREAS, parents, professionals, self-advocates and

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1 volunteers devote countless hours to improving the quality of
2 life for those affected by autism; and

3 WHEREAS, early intervention, evidence-based practices and
4 proven support systems greatly improve the outcomes and reduce
5 the lifelong costs of individuals with autism and their
6 families; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico celebrates and recognizes the valuable
8 contributions to its communities, businesses, technologies and
9 cultures made by people with autism; and

10 WHEREAS, the many professionals, families, advocates and
11 volunteers working to promote a greater understanding of autism
12 and to improve the quality of life for those affected by autism
13 are to be commended;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 17,
16 2024 be declared "Autism Day" in the house of representatives;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 transmitted to elevate the spectrum, incorporated, a New
20 Mexico-based grassroots nonprofit organization dedicated to
21 empowering individuals on the autism spectrum and their
22 families through inclusion, advocacy and friendship.

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