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Introduced by

REPRESENTATIVE ELIZABETH "LIZ" THOMSON

AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES;  
3 REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER; AND  
4 DECLARING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014, AS "CREATE HOPE FOR A  
5 CANCER-FREE WORLD DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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7 WHEREAS, more than ten thousand ninety New Mexicans were  
8 newly diagnosed with cancer in 2013; and

9 WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years, the American cancer  
10 society relay for life has been celebrating hope, with more  
11 than eleven thousand four hundred New Mexicans participating  
12 annually, giving a voice to so many touched by cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, thirteen years ago, in 2001, many of these  
14 voices joined together to form a nationwide grassroots  
15 movement called the American cancer society cancer action  
16 network, an organization united and relentless in pursuit of  
17 its mission to defeat cancer by working with lawmakers to  
18 create hope for those affected by cancer; and

19 WHEREAS, cancer patients face countless challenges  
20 associated with their diagnoses, including physical,  
21 emotional, financial and day-to-day challenges; and

22 WHEREAS, people without access to quality, affordable  
23 health care are significantly more likely to be diagnosed with  
24 advanced-stage cancer, resulting in significantly worse health  
25 outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients; and


1           WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for cancer is  
2 sixty-eight percent, up from forty-nine percent nearly forty  
3 years ago, thanks to cancer research as well as lifesaving  
4 cancer prevention, screening, early detection and treatment  
5 programs; and

6           WHEREAS, it is essential to preserve the quality of life  
7 and dignity of all people who have struggled with cancer and  
8 who often feel isolated, stigmatized and misunderstood; and

9           WHEREAS, volunteers and members of the American cancer  
10 society cancer action network work diligently every day to  
11 advocate on behalf of cancer patients, survivors and  
12 caregivers so that, one day, cancer will be eliminated as a  
13 major public health issue;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it honor  
16 cancer patients, survivors and their families and remember  
17 those who have been lost to cancer and declare Monday,  
18 February 10, 2014, as "Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World  
19 Day" in the house of representatives; and

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the governor and to all members of the New  
22 Mexico house of representatives.



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W. KEN MARTINEZ, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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STEPHEN R. ARIAS, CHIEF CLERK  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES