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1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2015 AS "CREATE HOPE FOR A CANCER-FREE
3 WORLD DAY" IN THE SENATE AND HONORING CANCER PATIENTS,
4 SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHILE REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE
5 BEEN LOST TO CANCER.

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7 WHEREAS, more than ten thousand two hundred New Mexicans
8 were newly diagnosed with cancer in 2014; and

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

13 WHEREAS, in 2001, many of these voices joined together
14 to form a nationwide grass-roots movement called the American
15 cancer society cancer action network, an organization united
16 and relentless in pursuit of its mission to defeat cancer by
17 working with lawmakers to create hope for those affected by
18 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
24 with advanced-stage cancer, resulting in significantly worse
25 health outcomes for low-income and uninsured cancer patients;

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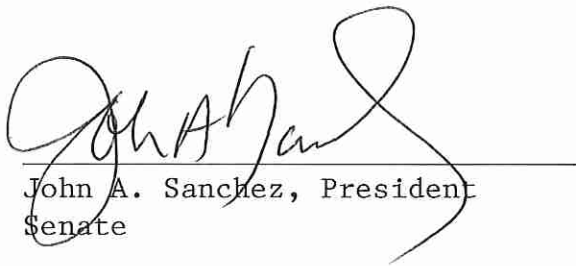
2 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for cancer is
3 sixty-eight percent, up from forty-nine percent nearly forty
4 years ago, thanks to cancer research as well as lifesaving
5 cancer prevention, screening, early detection and treatment
6 programs; and

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

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2015 be designated as
17 "Create Hope for a Cancer-Free World Day" in the senate,
18 honoring cancer patients, survivors and their families while
19 remembering those who have been lost to cancer; and

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



John A. Sanchez, President
Senate



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Senate