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HOUSE MEMORIAL 53

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM TO DECLARE NOVEMBER
14, 2020 "WORLD DIABETES DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, world diabetes day was created in 1991 by the
international diabetes federation and the world health
organization in response to growing concerns about the
escalating health threat posed by diabetes; and

WHEREAS, world diabetes day became an official United
Nations day in 2006 with the passage of United Nations
Resolution 61/225; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the "war on diabetes" is to promote
healthy lifestyle choices through healthy eating and daily
exercise and to bring awareness to prediabetes and diabetes
symptoms; and

WHEREAS, world diabetes day is marked every year on

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1 November 14, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who
2 co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922; and

3 WHEREAS, world diabetes day is the world's largest
4 diabetes awareness campaign, reaching a global audience of over
5 one billion people in more than one hundred sixty countries,
6 and the campaign draws attention to issues of paramount
7 importance to the diabetes world and keeps diabetes firmly in
8 the public and political spotlight; and

9 WHEREAS, nearly twenty-seven thousand people on the Navajo
10 Nation are affected by diabetes, statistics indicate that as
11 many as one in four members of the Navajo Nation are diabetic
12 or prediabetic and American Indian and Alaska Native persons
13 are at high risk for diabetes mellitus; and

14 WHEREAS, on world diabetes day in 2019, the Navajo Nation
15 president and vice president issued a "war on diabetes"
16 proclamation declaring war to combat diabetes on the Navajo
17 Nation through awareness and prolonged healthy lifestyle
18 choices using the Navajo way of life teaching; and

19 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, the diabetes prevention and
20 control program is administered by the population and community
21 health bureau in the public health division of the department
22 of health; and

23 WHEREAS, the diabetes prevention and control program works
24 on specific diabetes efforts that address both the prevention
25 and management of diabetes, and populations served are adults

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1 with type 2 diabetes, adults with prediabetes or otherwise at
2 high risk for type 2 diabetes and those with related chronic
3 conditions, such as heart disease and high blood pressure; and

4 WHEREAS, paths to health NM: tools for healthier living
5 is an initiative of the diabetes prevention and control program
6 that includes programs that support prevention or management of
7 diabetes and other chronic health conditions or injuries; and

8 WHEREAS, the federal centers for disease control and
9 prevention defines "prediabetes" as a serious health condition
10 in which blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high
11 enough to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes; and

12 WHEREAS, more than five hundred sixty-five thousand New
13 Mexicans have prediabetes out of the estimated two million
14 people in the state, and, if left untreated, type 2 diabetes
15 can be accompanied by heart disease, blindness, kidney failure,
16 amputation and early death;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Governor
19 Michelle Lujan Grisham be requested to declare November 14,
20 2020 "World Diabetes Day" in New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of health.