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MEMORIAL

70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018, AS “WEAR PURPLE DAY” IN THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA.

WHEREAS, according to the National Institute of Aging, “Alzheimer’s disease is
currently ranked as the sixth leading cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, experts suggest that more than 5 million Americans may have Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is an irreversible, progressive brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills, and eventually the ability to carry out the simplest tasks; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is the most common cause of dementia among older adults; and

WHEREAS, Dementia is the loss of cognitive functioning—thinking, remembering, and reasoning—and behavioral abilities to such an extent that it interferes with a person's daily life and activities; and

WHEREAS, Programs that teach families about the various stages of Alzheimer's and about ways to deal with difficult behaviors and other caregiving challenges can help significantly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE that, in recognition of the importance of the awareness of Alzheimer's and dementia, Friday, September 21, 2018, be proclaimed "Wear Purple Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexico residents be asked to show their support to the people with early-stage Alzheimer's and their families or caregivers by commemorating this day with wearing the color purple; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by increasing awareness and speaking out about Alzheimer's, it will help families build good coping skills and a strong support network as well as educate people about Alzheimer's.