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**Attorney General Balderas, State Treasurer Eichenberg, and State Auditor Colón recognize Americans with Disabilities Act Day**

*Santa Fe, NM*--Today, Attorney General Hector Balderas joined State Treasurer Tim Eichenberg and State Auditor Brian Colón in recognizing the Americans with Disabilities Act Day. On July 17, 2020, Governor Michelle Luján Grisham declared July 26, 2020 as Americans with Disabilities Act Day in honor of the 30th Anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act.

“It is important for us to recognize the anniversary enacting this historic piece of legislation, which provides access and opportunities for individuals with disabilities, but we must continue the fight,” said Attorney General Balderas. “We will continue to stand with New Mexican families and fight for equity and justice.”

“We are proud to offer ABLE New Mexico through the State Treasurer’s Office,” said Eichenberg. “Nearly 500 New Mexicans have opened accounts through ABLE to save money for their needs, without jeopardizing the assistance they receive from other programs. We can serve so many more people in New Mexico, though. We hope that this celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act Day will shine a light on ABLE New Mexico so that folks will reach out to us for more information.”

“Having grown up with a father who had Muscular Dystrophy and passed away at the age of 49, the importance of the Americans with Disabilities Act is personal to me. I am proud to recognize this day, for all who live with a disability and thrive because of the support the ADA guarantees, in honor of my father,” said Auditor Colón. “The ADA guarantees rights for our most vulnerable populations – individuals who are our family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. It gives assurances they will not face discrimination on the basis of a disability. Today we mark the 30th anniversary of the passing of this important legislation and celebrate how it is possible to agree, regardless of politics, that nobody should be treated differently or unfairly because they live with a disability.”

This past October the Attorney General, State Auditor and State Treasurer hosted a summit on disabilities: The Dream Bigger Summit - Creating a More Inclusive New Mexico. The summit scheduled for October 2020 will be postponed due to COVID-19.

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