

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2024 "NEW MEXICO FOOD AND FARMS DAY" IN
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY FOOD
4 AND FARM INITIATIVES TOWARD ENDING HUNGER AND STRENGTHENING
5 THE STATEWIDE FOOD SYSTEM.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico food and farms day celebrates the
8 efforts of individuals, communities, organizations and
9 agencies in creating a thriving local food, farming and
10 ranching economy while emphasizing that everyone in New
11 Mexico should have access to fresh, local, healthy and
12 nutritious food; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico food and farms day celebrates the
14 following 2024 award recipients:

15 A. the good food for New Mexico award, celebrating
16 New Mexico farmers' markets: Aztec farmer's market, Pauline
17 Pao and Kasey McCune;

18 B. the sowing change award, for organizations
19 engaged in creating sustainable food systems: project feed
20 the hood, Mateo Carrasco and Zia Martinez;

21 C. the heart of the land award, for outstanding
22 leadership in farming or ranching: Acoma ancestral lands
23 conservation corps, Zada Miller and Dominique Lowden; and
24 cultivating Bernalillo county grow the growers program, Mari
25 Simbana, Bernalillo county open space, and Helga Garcia-

1 Garza, agri-cultura cooperative network/la cosecha;

2 D. the growing the future award, for new or young
3 farmers and ranchers: Chicoyole farm, Donne Gonzales, New
4 Mexico acequia association los sembradores farmer training
5 program;

6 E. the living land award, for outstanding
7 leadership in land stewardship: dream New Mexico, San
8 Antonio del Rio Embudo, Joseluis Ortiz y Muniz; and

9 F. the New Mexico grown golden chile award,
10 honoring all schools, senior centers and early child care
11 centers that purchase New Mexico grown and raised products
12 from farmers and ranchers;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 25,
15 2024 be declared "New Mexico Food and Farms Day" in the house
16 of representatives in celebration of community food and farm
17 initiatives toward ending hunger and strengthening the
18 statewide food system; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the board chair of farm to table and the
21 governing committee chair of the New Mexico food and
22 agriculture policy council.