

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING CIBOLA COUNTY AND DECLARING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013, "CIBOLA COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Cibola county is New Mexico's newest county, having been created on June 19, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county consists of the westernmost four-fifths of the former Valencia county; and

WHEREAS, Grants, with a population of over twenty-seven thousand, is the county seat of Cibola county; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county is over four thousand five hundred square miles in area and consists of one city, one town and twenty-four localities; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county is home to the Pueblo of Acoma, the Pueblo of Laguna and the Ramah chapter of the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county features Bluewater lake state park and the nationally protected areas of Cibola national forest, El Malpais national monument and conservation area and El Morro national monument; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county contains a larger stretch of historic route 66 than any other county in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county is home to six places on the national register of historic places; and

WHEREAS, the Cibola communities economic development

foundation, incorporated, which in 1994 grew out of the greater Grants industrial development foundation, incorporated, founded in 1982, promotes the economic and industrial base of Cibola county and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Antonio Esparza served as the first president of the Cibola communities economic development foundation, incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Cibola communities economic development foundation, incorporated, consists of fifteen members who together represent Cibola county, the city of Grants, the village of Milan, the Cibola foundation, the Grants/Cibola county chamber of commerce, the Grants-Cibola county school district, New Mexico state university-Grants and private industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Cibola county be recognized for its natural beauty and historic and cultural importance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cibola communities economic development foundation, incorporated, be recognized for its efforts to foster in Cibola county a thriving economic and industrial environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Wednesday, March 6, 2013, be declared "Cibola County Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the Cibola communities economic development foundation, incorporated; the city of Grants; the village of Milan; Cibola county; and the Cibola foundation.