

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 9

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 23, 2014 TO BE "COLONIAS DAY AT THE
12 LEGISLATURE" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND HER CABINET TO
13 ASSIST LOCAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEW
14 MEXICO BY ADDING RURAL COMMUNITIES AND COLONIAS TO THE STATE'S
15 PRIORITY ACTION LIST OF PROGRAMS.

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17 WHEREAS, residents of rural and colonias communities
18 statewide face harsh challenges on a daily basis, but they are
19 proud people who are reluctant to ask for help; and

20 WHEREAS, individual counties continue to undertake
21 independent and ambitious infrastructure improvement plans
22 designed to enhance social and economic development
23 opportunities for all residents of New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, by initiating a statewide improvement program for
25 rural and colonias communities, the state could partner with

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1 the thirty-three counties to empower these small communities
2 and dramatically improve the quality of life in them, while
3 simultaneously creating new entrepreneurial zones that will
4 complement existing projects in incorporated municipalities;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2014 be recognized as
7 "Colonias Day at the Legislature"; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Martinez and her
9 cabinet be requested to work with the board of directors of the
10 New Mexico association of counties to assist local efforts to
11 improve the quality of life in the state and to add
12 improvements for rural communities and colonias to the state's
13 priority action list of programs for legislative funding; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the governor and to the board of directors of
16 the New Mexico association of counties.