

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 29, 2015 "MCKINLEY COUNTY/GALLUP DAY" AT  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup are the  
northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup reflect  
the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of New  
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of  
Native American residents of any New Mexico county and is the  
home of members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni  
and of one of the largest gatherings of Native Americans, the  
annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county is the home of Red Rock park;  
and

WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental  
divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and  
Atlantic oceans; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a historic downtown and  
is recognized as both a New Mexico mainstreet and an arts and  
cultural district; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county hosted the twenty-four-hour  
national mountain bicycling championships and boosts usage and  
awareness of the Zuni mountain trail system, the jewel of the

Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is known as the adventure capital of New Mexico and is recognized as the most patriotic small town in America; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce for members of the Navajo Nation and has been a corridor for cross-country rail traffic since the nineteenth century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2015 be designated "McKinley County/Gallup Day" at the house of representatives to honor and showcase the many facets of McKinley county and of the city of Gallup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley county and to the mayor and city council of the city of Gallup.