

A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 28, 2015 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the Gila wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Anglo and Native American cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days of sunshine, vast mountain landscapes and small-town atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide national scenic trail, rising six thousand to seven thousand five hundred feet above sea level and offering cool summer temperatures and uninterrupted views to the Mexican border to the south; and

WHEREAS, the first designated Continental Divide trail gateway community, dedicated to the promotion and protection of the trail, is located in Grant county; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history that includes early Native Americans, Chiricahua Apaches and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan Tucker; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico university, where its museum houses the world's foremost

collections of ancient Mimbres pottery; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is New Mexico's richest county for mining; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the one hundred twenty-fifth United States colored infantry was established at Fort Bayard; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is honored to be the home of many veterans, including members of New Mexico's two hundredth coast artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan death march; and

WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the tour of the Gila, New Mexico's premier cycling stage race that attracts national and international teams and boosts awareness and use of the trail of the mountain spirits national scenic byway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 28, 2015 be proclaimed "Grant County Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great places of Grant county be recognized; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the board of county commissioners of Grant county.