

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 22, 2017 "LAS VEGAS DAY" IN THE SENATE AND
3 RECOGNIZING LAS VEGAS AS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.

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5 WHEREAS, Las Vegas was founded in 1835 as a Spanish land
6 grant called Nuestra Senora de los Dolores de Las Vegas
7 Grandes; and

8 WHEREAS, the Spanish settlers who founded the community
9 had roots going back to the seventeenth century; and

10 WHEREAS, the acequia Madre in Las Vegas stands as a
11 testament to one hundred fifty years of resourcefulness and
12 ingenuity; and

13 WHEREAS, Las Vegas was a key rest stop, resupply point
14 and protector of the Santa Fe trail, serving as a lifeline
15 between the growing west and the eastern parts of the United
16 States; and

17 WHEREAS, Las Vegas remains "open for business"; and

18 WHEREAS, Las Vegas can be described as innovative and
19 unvarnished, having grit, courage and resolve, strength of
20 character, fortitude, determination, perseverance and
21 endurance; and

22 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is laying a strong foundation for
23 private-sector growth and the sustainability of small
24 businesses; and

25 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is committed to building a foundation

1 for economic growth; and

2 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' can-do attitude will help Las Vegas
3 move forward, find quality-of-life and economic solutions and
4 expand homegrown companies; and

5 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' authentic assets will remain its
6 cultural foundation and provide the horsepower to drive
7 tourism, new industry and growth; and

8 WHEREAS, Las Vegas offers a multitude of unique
9 shopping, dining, musical and cultural experiences and
10 adventures; and

11 WHEREAS, Las Vegas continues to attract and maintain
12 cool historical characters, including the boxer,
13 Jack Johnson; El Hermitano, who lived at Hermit's peak; and
14 more popular historical characters such as Doc Holliday,
15 Billy the Kid, Wyatt Earp and Jesse James; and

16 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county have more than
17 nine hundred buildings on the national register of historic
18 places; and

19 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are unmatched
20 as an inviting and incredible tourist destination, with fine
21 historic hotels, authentic New Mexico character and easy
22 access to other local historic sites and outdoor recreation;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are beacons in
25 the land of enchantment; and

1 WHEREAS, aside from its historic and tourist
2 attractions, Las Vegas is home to many critical state
3 institutions; and

4 WHEREAS, one such institution is the New Mexico
5 behavioral health institute at Las Vegas, the only
6 state-owned and state-operated psychiatric hospital, which
7 provides critical medical services to the state, including
8 long-term nursing care for the elderly and disabled; and

9 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is home to a wealth of knowledge with
10 five major educational institutions: New Mexico highlands
11 university, Luna community college, united world college, the
12 Las Vegas city public school district and the west Las Vegas
13 public school district; and

14 WHEREAS, these educational institutions are gems of the
15 city and crucibles of learning, teaching and discovery,
16 reaching far beyond northern New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are committed
18 to the cultivation of growing film and technological
19 economies; and

20 WHEREAS, 2017 will be recognized as the year of business
21 in Las Vegas and San Miguel county;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the distinguished history and
24 heritage of Las Vegas and San Miguel county be recognized;
25 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that support be expressed for the
2 business and film industry for its efforts to create jobs and
3 to promote the people and attractions of northern New Mexico;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 22, 2017 be
6 declared "Las Vegas Day" in the senate; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the mayor of Las Vegas, the members of the city
9 council of Las Vegas and the board of county commissioners of
10 San Miguel county.

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