

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM; DECLARING
3 FEBRUARY 5, 2018 "NATIONAL HISTORY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, national history day has been the premier
6 history research contest with a national scope for more than
7 thirty years; and

8 WHEREAS, national history day supports social studies
9 classrooms in public, private and charter schools in both
10 urban and rural communities across the state; and

11 WHEREAS, more than four thousand five hundred students
12 aged nine to eighteen participate in national history day
13 programs in nearly fifty schools statewide; and

14 WHEREAS, national history day students develop college
15 and career readiness in areas of scholarly research,
16 analysis, synthesis, critical thinking, reading, writing,
17 time management and orally defending their work; and

18 WHEREAS, many national history day students develop
19 technology-based skills, such as web development, filmmaking
20 and incorporating digital media in nondigital projects; and

21 WHEREAS, national history day students show improved
22 test scores across subject areas, including reading, writing,
23 science and math; and

24 WHEREAS, national history day students demonstrate
25 perseverance, often spending an entire academic year

1 developing and revising projects; and

2 WHEREAS, national history day inspires interest and
3 value in history as well as a more mature perspective on
4 current events and the dispositions needed in an informed
5 citizenry; and

6 WHEREAS, the national history day program instills
7 confidence in students for a number of applied skills, such
8 as communication, organization, collaboration, evaluation,
9 planning and general knowledge; and

10 WHEREAS, national history day encourages students to
11 engage with civic institutions, such as libraries, museums,
12 archives and institutions of higher learning; and

13 WHEREAS, the academic benefits of participating in
14 national history day can continue long after the student has
15 left the program;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of the contributions
18 of national history day to the state, February 5, 2018 be
19 declared "National History Day" in the senate; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to New Mexico's national history day sponsoring
22 organization, the New Mexico humanities council. _____

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