

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 9, 2018 "NEW MEXICO TRiO PROGRAMS DAY"
3 IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, 2018 is the fifty-third anniversary of the
6 federal TRiO student support programs, and New Mexico was one
7 of the first states to implement the programs; and

8 WHEREAS, all TRiO programs are vested in the notion that
9 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
10 education without regard to race, gender, national origin or
11 disability status or their family's economic resources or
12 educational background; and

13 WHEREAS, seven TRiO programs are funded by the
14 United States department of education, including talent
15 search, upward bound, upward bound math and science, veterans
16 upward bound, student support services, educational
17 opportunity centers and the Ronald E. McNair
18 post-baccalaureate achievement program; and

19 WHEREAS, since 1965, more than ten million five hundred
20 thousand Americans from poor and working families have
21 benefited from the services of TRiO pre-college and college
22 programs; and

23 WHEREAS, as of 2014, more than one thousand two hundred
24 colleges, universities and community agencies in the country
25 host more than two thousand six hundred TRiO programs,

1 serving approximately eight hundred sixty-six thousand young
2 people and adults from poor and working families; and

3 WHEREAS, TRiO services include assistance in choosing a
4 college; tutoring; personal and financial counseling; career
5 counseling; assistance in applying to college; workplace and
6 college visits; special instruction in reading, writing,
7 study skills and mathematics; assistance in applying for
8 financial aid; and academic assistance in high school or
9 assistance to reenter high school; and

10 WHEREAS, TRiO programs have been providing educational
11 support and increased access to higher education for
12 disadvantaged students for more than forty years; and

13 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there are thirty-six TRiO
14 programs, which bring in over twelve million dollars
15 (\$12,000,000) in federal funding and serve more than twelve
16 thousand students; and

17 WHEREAS, the United States congress first enacted
18 National TRiO Day in 1986 to recognize the achievements of
19 all TRiO programs and their role in advancing equal
20 opportunity in post-secondary education; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico TRiO Programs Day is meant to
22 increase awareness and garner support for all TRiO programs,
23 TRiO students, college graduates, administrators, counselors
24 and state and federal supporters; and

25 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help

1 low-income and first-generation students to enter college and
2 earn a degree and should be expanded to serve more Americans;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the TRiO programs be recognized for
5 the important role they play in encouraging and assisting
6 students seeking higher education; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 9, 2018 be
8 proclaimed "New Mexico TRiO Programs Day" in the senate; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the president of TRiO New Mexico, Dawn Blue
11 Sky-Hill, at the university of New Mexico. _____

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