

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2018 "GUADALUPE COUNTY DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the Pecos river flows through the hills, mesas
6 and rolling grassland of Guadalupe county; and

7 WHEREAS, creating a fertile oasis wherever it flows, the
8 Pecos river crosses the county from northwest to southeast
9 before flowing into Sumner lake just south of the
10 Guadalupe-DeBaca county line; and

11 WHEREAS, throughout the history of Guadalupe county,
12 from the trails followed by Spanish settlers and Texas
13 cattlemen to the railroads and route 66, people have followed
14 the path of water; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1848, the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
16 brought an official end to the Mexican War, with Mexico
17 ceding its territories that were part of the American
18 southwest; and

19 WHEREAS, under the compromise of 1850, the United States
20 congress granted statehood to California, and New Mexico
21 became a territory; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1891, Guadalupe county was created by the
23 territorial legislature, over the objections of territorial
24 governor L. Bradford Prince; and

25 WHEREAS, on January 1, 1893, Guadalupe county officially

1 came into existence, and the county seat was located in
2 Puerto de Luna; and

3 WHEREAS, Guadalupe county would share the name of the
4 virgin of Guadalupe, also known as the "patroness of the
5 Americas", with the treaty that ended the Mexican War; and

6 WHEREAS, Guadalupe county contains whole, or parts of,
7 several previous Spanish land grants, including the
8 Aqua Negra, Jose Perea, Anton Chico and Preston Beck land
9 grants; and

10 WHEREAS, the railroad came to Santa Rosa in 1901 and
11 bypassed the county seat, Puerto de Luna, with Santa Rosa
12 quickly outpacing Puerto de Luna in population; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1903, Guadalupe county ceased to exist and
14 was renamed Leonard Wood county, with Santa Rosa becoming the
15 new county seat; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1905, the residents of Leonard Wood county
17 petitioned the territorial legislature, and the name of the
18 county was changed back to Guadalupe county; and

19 WHEREAS, a courthouse for Guadalupe county was approved
20 in December 1908, and it took less than nine months to
21 complete, with the board of Guadalupe county commissioners
22 inspecting the completed project in August 1909; and

23 WHEREAS, Guadalupe county residents helped New Mexico
24 celebrate statehood with a ceremony held on July 4, 1912 on
25 the courthouse grounds, and it was truly a gala day in

1 Santa Rosa; and

2 WHEREAS, because a state law prohibited the expenditure
3 of funds for the remodeling of courthouses, Guadalupe county
4 built a new courthouse, which was dedicated on
5 September 21, 1948; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2009, the centennial of the old courthouse
7 was celebrated in a newly remodeled courthouse complex that
8 included the old courthouse and the new courthouse; and

9 WHEREAS, the new courthouse complex was completely
10 landscaped with a sodded lawn surrounding both courthouses;
11 trees were transplanted; and a new gazebo was built on the
12 southeast corner of the complex; and

13 WHEREAS, a centennial dedication ceremony was held in
14 downtown Santa Rosa on September 19, 2009; and

15 WHEREAS, the Guadalupe county correctional facility is
16 located on the outskirts of Santa Rosa, providing local jobs
17 and bolstering the economy; and

18 WHEREAS, today, Guadalupe county is a popular
19 recreational area with many spring-fed lakes offering
20 fishing, scuba diving and many other popular recreational
21 activities; and

22 WHEREAS, residents maintain a strong sense of civic
23 pride and appreciation of Guadalupe county;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2018 be declared

1 "Guadalupe County Day" in the senate; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of Guadalupe
4 county. _____

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