

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 12

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 24, 2018 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE
12 LEGISLATURE.

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

19 WHEREAS, Grant count is the gateway to the vast Gila
20 wilderness; and

21 WHEREAS, Grant county's largest city and the county seat,
22 Silver City, will celebrate its one-hundred-fortieth
23 anniversary in 2018; and

24 WHEREAS, Silver City is the only municipality in New
25 Mexico still operating under the territorial charter issued by

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1 the legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in
2 1878; and

3 WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining in
4 New Mexico and home to more restaurants than fast food
5 establishments; and

6 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
7 university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-fifth
8 anniversary in 2018, and the world's foremost collections of
9 ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the western New Mexico
10 university museum; and

11 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history
12 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache
13 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan
14 Tucker; and

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

18 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
19 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast
20 artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan
21 death march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

22 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
23 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
24 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as uninterrupted
25 views of the Mexican border to the south; and

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1 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,
2 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
3 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use
4 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway; and

5 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
6 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
7 written word and the Southwest print fiesta; and

8 WHEREAS, Grant county prospectors have celebrated "Grant
9 County Day" in Santa Fe for over forty years;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 24, 2018 be proclaimed "Grant
12 County Day" in the legislature; and

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

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

