A MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT AND ENCOURAGING ALL NEW MEXICANS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACT, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO OUTDOORS AND ENJOY NEW MEXICO'S GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, the national wild and scenic rivers system was created by congress in 1968 to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is the fiftieth anniversary of the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act is notable for safeguarding the special character of these rivers while also recognizing the potential for their appropriate use and
development; and

WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act encourages tier
management that crosses political boundaries and promotes
public participation in developing goals for river protection;
and

WHEREAS, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act recognizes three
tiers of rivers: wild, scenic and recreational; and

WHEREAS, designation neither prohibits development nor
gives the federal government control over private property and
does not affect existing water rights or the existing
jurisdiction of the state and the federal government as
determined by established principles of law; and

WHEREAS, of the two hundred eight rivers in forty states
classified as wild and scenic, New Mexico proudly boasts
portions of five: the Rio Chama, the east fork of the Jemez
river, the Red river, the Rio Grande and the Pecos river; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's rivers are a precious and vital
source of recreation, natural enjoyment and economic benefit
for all New Mexicans and visitors to the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
OF NEW MEXICO that the fiftieth anniversary of the federal Wild
and Scenic Rivers Act be commemorated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be encouraged
to learn more about the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all New Mexicans be encouraged
to take the opportunity to go outdoors and enjoy New Mexico's
greatest natural resources; and

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the United States bureau of land management.

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