

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 20, 2019 "SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION
3 DISTRICT DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, land, water and other resources are the basic
6 physical assets of New Mexico, and their conservation and
7 development are necessary to protect and promote the health
8 and general welfare of the people of the state; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico is committed to the 2015 Paris
10 agreement to fight climate change and to reduce greenhouse
11 gas emissions; and

12 WHEREAS, soil health must be improved for food
13 production, water security and carbon sequestration; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing a severe drought
15 that is affecting water supplies; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico watersheds are overgrown with
17 small-diameter timber that is affecting water yield; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico's forty-seven soil and water
19 conservation districts have applied best management practices
20 to conserve and develop the natural resources of the state
21 for more than seventy-five years by "putting conservation on
22 the ground"; and

23 WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are
24 organized and perpetuated by the provisions of the Soil and
25 Water Conservation District Act and are governmental

1 subdivisions of the state;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 20, 2019 be proclaimed
4 "Soil and Water Conservation District Day" in the senate
5 and that recognition be extended to the people who serve to
6 protect the fragile environment that is crucial to the
7 well-being of the state of New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the New Mexico association of conservation
10 districts. _____

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