

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 21, 2019 "NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is a
6 Hispanic-serving institution, with Hispanic students
7 representing more than fifty percent of the student
8 population, and strives to be a Native American-serving
9 institution, with Native American students representing more
10 than eight percent of the student population; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university serves
12 nontraditional students over the age of twenty-five, who
13 comprise almost forty-four percent of the student population;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, more than seventy-two percent of the
16 undergraduates at New Mexico highlands university receive
17 financial aid, with approximately fifty percent being
18 Pell grant recipients; and

19 WHEREAS, over the past three years, New Mexico highlands
20 university awarded students with more than one thousand five
21 hundred bachelor's degrees and over one thousand two hundred
22 master's degrees; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is consistently
24 ranked first in New Mexico for student satisfaction,
25 according to alumni surveys; and

1 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is ranked as a
2 leading college in the "best bang for the buck" category,
3 published by *Washington Monthly* magazine; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is one of the
5 leading colleges in the country for boosting its students'
6 social mobility, according to the Brookings institute; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has many active
8 alumni, representing every state and many countries, and
9 seeks to effectively reach out to all alumni through the
10 establishment of a vibrant alumni association board of
11 directors; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has recently
13 celebrated its one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary, with
14 campuswide celebrations, including a matanza for the campus
15 community, alumni and the greater community; and

16 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university recently
17 completed a financial campaign to restore its athletic field
18 for the numerous athletic teams that use it, bringing it into
19 compliance with the national collegiate athletic association
20 standards; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university athletes'
22 average grade point averages were three and ten-hundredths,
23 compared to New Mexico highlands university non-athlete grade
24 point averages of two and ninety-seven hundredths, and the
25 athletes earned the highest average grade point averages over

1 the past eight years; and

2 WHEREAS, the priorities of New Mexico highlands
3 university are: academic excellence; academic integration
4 and student success; strategic enrollment management; vibrant
5 campus and university life; community partnerships;
6 technological advancement and innovation; and enhanced
7 communication and efficiency across the university; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university effectively
9 serves students across the state and beyond its borders,
10 online and on its campuses and centers in Las Vegas,
11 Santa Fe, Farmington, Rio Rancho, Albuquerque and Roswell;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university educates many
14 first-generation, minority and low-income students,
15 transforming their lives and the lives of their families and
16 future generations; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has been
18 awarded approximately fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000)
19 in grants since 2015; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university welcomes
21 students from northern New Mexico and other regions of the
22 state, as well as the United States and the world;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 21, 2019 be declared
25 "New Mexico Highlands University Day" in the senate; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico highlands
2 university be commended for its service and dedication to the
3 residents of New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the president of New Mexico highlands
6 university.

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