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SENATE MEMORIAL 30

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2019 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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

WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the vast Gila wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Silver City will celebrate one hundred forty-one years as Grant county's largest city and county seat in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Silver City is the only municipality in New Mexico still operating under the territorial charter issued by the legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in

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1 1878; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico  
6 university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-sixth  
7 anniversary in 2019, and the world's foremost collections of  
8 ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the western New Mexico  
9 university museum; and

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,

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1 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts  
2 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use  
3 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway; and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor Howie  
10 Morales of Grant county and wishes him success in his new  
11 position;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
13 OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2019 be proclaimed "Grant County  
14 Day" in the senate; and

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

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