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SENATE MEMORIAL 43

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING CIBOLA COUNTY AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2019  
"CIBOLA COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Cibola county is New Mexico's newest county,  
having been created on June 19, 1981; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county consists of the westernmost four-  
fifths of the former Valencia county; and

WHEREAS, Grants, with a population of more than nine  
thousand people, is the county seat of Cibola county; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county is over four thousand five hundred  
square miles in area and consists of one city, one town and  
twenty-three localities; and

WHEREAS, Cibola county is home to the Pueblo of Acoma, the  
Pueblo of Laguna and the Ramah chapter of the Navajo Nation;  
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1           WHEREAS, Cibola county features Bluewater Lake state park  
2 and the nationally protected areas of the Cibola national  
3 forest, El Malpais national monument and conservation area and  
4 El Morro national monument; and

5           WHEREAS, Cibola county contains a larger stretch of  
6 historic route 66 than any other county in New Mexico; and

7           WHEREAS, Cibola county is home to six places on the  
8 national register of historic places; and

9           WHEREAS, the Cibola communities economic development  
10 foundation, incorporated, which, in 1994, grew out of the  
11 greater Grants industrial development foundation, incorporated,  
12 founded in 1982, promotes the economic and industrial base of  
13 Cibola county and its communities; and

14           WHEREAS, Antonio Esparza served as the first president of  
15 the Cibola communities economic development foundation,  
16 incorporated; and

17           WHEREAS, the board of directors of the Cibola communities  
18 economic development foundation, incorporated, consists of  
19 fifteen members who, together, represent Cibola county, the  
20 city of Grants, the village of Milan, Cibola foundation,  
21 incorporated, the Grants/Cibola county chamber of commerce, the  
22 Grants-Cibola county school district, New Mexico state  
23 university-Grants and private industry;

24           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
25 OF NEW MEXICO that Cibola county be recognized for its natural

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1 beauty and historic and cultural importance; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cibola communities  
3 economic development foundation, incorporated, be recognized  
4 for its efforts to foster in Cibola county a thriving economic  
5 and industrial environment; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 7, 2019 be declared  
7 "Cibola County Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the Cibola communities economic development  
10 foundation, incorporated, the city of Grants, the village of  
11 Milan, Cibola county, Cibola foundation, incorporated, the  
12 Pueblo of Acoma, the Pueblo of Laguna and the Ramah chapter of  
13 the Navajo Nation.