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SENATE MEMORIAL 76

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2019 "CITY OF LAS VEGAS, SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, VILLAGE OF PECOS AND MORA COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE AND RECOGNIZING THE COLLABORATION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, THE VILLAGE OF PECOS AND MORA COUNTY AS "UNITY BUILDS COMMUNITY".

WHEREAS, Las Vegas was founded in 1835 as a Spanish land grant called Nuestra Senora de Los Dolores de Las Vegas Grandes; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish settlers that founded the community had roots going back to the seventeenth century; and

WHEREAS, the village of Pecos in San Miguel county has long been an attractive destination, from the days of early trading routes on the Santa Fe trail through Spanish settlement, railroad tourism, mining, ranching and becoming a

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1 route 66 attraction along the beautiful Pecos river valley; and

2 WHEREAS, the town of Mora in Mora county, in an area also
3 known as the Mora valley, which was founded by a land grant at
4 the foot of the majestic Sangre de Cristo mountains, contains
5 one thousand nine hundred thirty-four square miles of lands
6 with diverse uses, including ranching and farming, and conveys
7 a vital and well-preserved sense of place; and

8 WHEREAS, the acequias in Las Vegas and within San Miguel
9 county, the village of Pecos and Mora county are a testament to
10 multiple generations of strenuous labor expended in farming and
11 irrigating the land and incorporating the family values and
12 traditions of being responsible stewards of the land; and

13 WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas and San Miguel county, the
14 village of Pecos and Mora county are unmatched as inviting and
15 incredible tourist destinations with historical sites, outdoor
16 recreation, diverse multicultural populations, farming and
17 ranching, a small business economy and a unique sense of place
18 with a quality of life driven by nature; and

19 WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas, San Miguel county, the
20 village of Pecos and Mora county are home to many critical
21 institutions, including New Mexico highlands university, Luna
22 community college, United World college, the New Mexico
23 behavioral health institute at Las Vegas, the Mora national
24 fish hatchery, New Mexico state university, the John T.
25 Harrington forestry research center, the Pecos valley medical

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1 center, the Lisboa springs fish hatchery, the San Miguel county
2 senior citizens centers, Mora valley community health services,
3 the Wagon Mound senior center, public and private schools,
4 small businesses and other institutions serving as the economic
5 base for northeast New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas, San Miguel county, the
7 village of Pecos and Mora county are committed to the
8 collaboration of a growing film industry and support of small
9 business development, highlighting the skills and talents of
10 residents to produce economic development and growth within the
11 northeastern part of New Mexico;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the distinguished history and heritage of
14 the city of Las Vegas, San Miguel county, the village of Pecos
15 and Mora county be recognized and that February 28, 2019 be
16 declared "City of Las Vegas, San Miguel County, Village of
17 Pecos and Mora County Day" in the senate; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaboration of these
19 communities be recognized as "unity builds community"; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that support from the state's
21 governing bodies recognize these communities as areas of small
22 business, education, tourism, outdoor attractions, farming,
23 ranching, medical and behavioral health, film, water and
24 acequias, in continuing efforts to promote the people and
25 attractions, and to create jobs and sustainability, in northern

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1 New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the mayor and city councilors of the city of Las
4 Vegas, the San Miguel county manager and county commissioners,
5 the village of Pecos mayor and board of trustees and the Mora
6 county manager and county commissioners.

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