

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 3, 2021 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Grant county's largest city and county seat,
13 Silver City, is the only municipality in New Mexico still
14 operating under the territorial charter issued by the
15 legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in 1878;
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17 WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining
18 in New Mexico and is home to more restaurants than fast food
19 establishments; and

20 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
21 university, the state's only liberal arts and sciences
22 university as designated by the legislature; and

23 WHEREAS, the western New Mexico university museum has
24 the world's foremost collections of ancient Mimbres pottery;
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1 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history
2 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache
3 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid, lawman Dan
4 Tucker and Madam Millie; and

5 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of
6 the one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry
7 was established at Fort Bayard; and

8 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
9 veterans, and Grant county shares New Mexico's heavy burden
10 of the members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast artillery
11 regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan death
12 march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

13 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
14 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
15 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as
16 uninterrupted views of the Mexican border to the south; and

17 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,
18 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
19 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use
20 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway;
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22 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
23 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
24 written word and Southwest print fiesta; and

25 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor

1 Howie Morales of Grant county;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3,
4 2021 be proclaimed "Grant County Day" in the house of
5 representatives; and

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

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the members of the board of county
10 commissioners of Grant county. _____

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