

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2023 "LAS VEGAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES AND RECOGNIZING LAS VEGAS AS TRAILBLAZING  
4 THROUGH SUCCESS AND EDUCATION.

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

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

11 WHEREAS, the acequia Madre in Las Vegas stands as a  
12 testament to more than one hundred fifty years of  
13 resourcefulness and ingenuity; and

14 WHEREAS, Las Vegas was a key rest stop, resupply point  
15 and protector of the Santa Fe trail, serving as a hub of  
16 commerce and lifeline between the growing west and the  
17 eastern parts of the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Las Vegas can be described as innovative and  
19 unvarnished, having courage and resolve, strength of  
20 character, fortitude, determination, perseverance and  
21 endurance; and

22 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is laying a strong foundation for  
23 private-sector growth and the sustainability of small  
24 businesses; and

25 WHEREAS, Las Vegas is committed to building a foundation

1 for economic growth; and

2 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' can-do attitude will help Las Vegas  
3 move forward, find quality-of-life and economic solutions and  
4 expand homegrown companies; and

5 WHEREAS, Las Vegas' authentic assets will remain its  
6 cultural foundation and the horsepower to drive tourism, new  
7 industry and growth; and

8 WHEREAS, Las Vegas offers a multitude of unique  
9 shopping, dining, musical and cultural experiences and  
10 adventures; and

11 WHEREAS, Las Vegas continues to attract and maintain  
12 cool historical characters, including the boxer Jack Johnson;  
13 El Hermitano, who lived at Hermits peak; and more popular  
14 historical characters such as Doc Holliday, Billy the Kid,  
15 Wyatt Earp and Jesse James; and

16 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county have more than  
17 nine hundred buildings on the national register of historic  
18 places; and

19 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are unmatched  
20 as an inviting and incredible tourist destination, with fine  
21 historic hotels, authentic New Mexico character and easy  
22 access to other local historic sites and outdoor recreation;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are beacons in  
25 the land of enchantment; and

1           WHEREAS, aside from its historic and tourist  
2 attractions, Las Vegas is home to many critical state  
3 institutions; and

4           WHEREAS, one such institution is the New Mexico  
5 behavioral health institute at Las Vegas, the only state-  
6 owned and state-operated psychiatric hospital, which provides  
7 critical medical services to the state, including long-term  
8 nursing care for the elderly and disabled; and

9           WHEREAS, Las Vegas is home to a wealth of knowledge with  
10 five major educational institutions: New Mexico highlands  
11 university, Luna community college, united world college, the  
12 Las Vegas city public school district and the west Las Vegas  
13 public school district; and

14           WHEREAS, these educational institutions are gems of the  
15 city and crucibles of learning, teaching and discovery,  
16 reaching far beyond northern New Mexico; and

17           WHEREAS, Las Vegas and San Miguel county are committed  
18 to the cultivation of growing film and technological  
19 economies;

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the  
22 distinguished history and heritage of Las Vegas and San  
23 Miguel county be recognized; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that support be expressed for the  
25 business and film industry for its efforts to create jobs and

1 to promote the people and attractions of northern New Mexico;  
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 13, 2023 be  
4 declared "Las Vegas Day" in the house of representatives; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the mayor of Las Vegas, the members of the city  
7 council of Las Vegas and the board of county commissioners of  
8 San Miguel county. \_\_\_\_\_

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