

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 5, 2025 "FFA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, FFA, formerly future farmers of America, has  
6 been a premier youth leadership organization in New Mexico  
7 for more than eighty years; and

8 WHEREAS, started by thirty-three Virginia farm boys in  
9 1928, the national FFA organization now has more than one  
10 million members in all fifty states, Puerto Rico and the  
11 Virgin Islands; and

12 WHEREAS, the FFA mission centers on three goals:  
13 premier leadership, personal growth and career success  
14 through agriculture education; and

15 WHEREAS, the FFA is an intra-curricular organization  
16 that accomplishes its mission by focusing on its three-circle  
17 model of FFA, classroom and supervised agriculture  
18 experiences; and

19 WHEREAS, FFA sponsors chapters in rural and urban areas  
20 throughout the state; and

21 WHEREAS, today, the New Mexico FFA association has more  
22 than five thousand two hundred youths between twelve and  
23 twenty-one years of age participating in FFA youth  
24 development programs in ninety-three chapters statewide; and

25 WHEREAS, FFA youth development programs are diverse and

1 help participants to acquire important life skills, such as  
2 leadership, responsible citizenship, critical thinking,  
3 problem solving, decision making, conflict resolution and  
4 communication skills, that directly contribute to the  
5 successful transition of young people into productive adults;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, students enrolled in agriculture education  
8 today learn a variety of skills, including career readiness,  
9 agriculture mechanics, floral design, animal science, ecology  
10 and the environment and agriculture business, demonstrating  
11 that FFA is no longer about "cows, sows and plows" but  
12 teaches vital skills that will be useful in any career; and

13 WHEREAS, FFA participants report having more confidence  
14 and positive self-identity, greater control in their lives  
15 and a better ability to make decisions independently; and

16 WHEREAS, FFA participants also report that they set  
17 goals and take responsibility for their actions, they take  
18 pride in many things and their lives have purpose and  
19 meaning; and

20 WHEREAS, beginning on February 15, 2025, FFA members  
21 across the country will celebrate national FFA week, and in  
22 New Mexico, members across the state will celebrate and  
23 highlight their time in FFA; and

24 WHEREAS, the accomplished young men and women of FFA are  
25 outstanding examples of hard work and dedication;

