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57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 21, 2025 "NEW MEXICO TRIO PROGRAMS DAY" IN
THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, TRIO is a series of programs funded by the United States department of education that helps low-income students access higher education; and

WHEREAS, TRIO derives its name from the initiative's original three programs: upward bound, created in 1964; educational talent search, created in 1965; and special services for disadvantaged students, created in 1968 and now known as student support services; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, the United States congress has recognized a "National TRIO Day" in recognition of the achievements of the TRIO programs and the more than ten million students from low-income and working families that have

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1 benefited from the services of TRIO pre-college and college
2 programs; and

3 WHEREAS, 2025 is the sixty-first anniversary of the
4 creation of TRIO programs, and New Mexico was one of the first
5 states to implement these programs; and

6 WHEREAS, all TRIO programs are vested in the notion that
7 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
8 education without regard to race, gender, national origin,
9 disability status, family economic resources or family
10 educational background; and

11 WHEREAS, in addition to the original three programs, TRIO
12 programs now include talent search, upward bound math/science,
13 veterans upward bound, educational opportunity centers and the
14 Robert E. McNair post-baccalaureate achievement program; and

15 WHEREAS, there are forty-two TRIO programs in New Mexico
16 that attract nearly thirteen million five hundred thousand
17 dollars (\$13,500,000) in annual federal funding and serve more
18 than ten thousand students; and

19 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs help students
20 with disabilities and low-income, first-generation and
21 economically disadvantaged students prepare for and gain
22 admission to college and obtain college degrees and should be
23 expanded in order to serve more students;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico TRIO programs be

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1 recognized for the important role they play in encouraging and
2 assisting students seeking higher education by declaring
3 February 21, 2025 as "New Mexico TRIO Programs Day" in the
4 legislature; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 21, 2025 be
6 recognized as "National TRIO Programs Day" in New Mexico; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to Richard Martinez, president-elect of the TRIO
9 New Mexico association.