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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 5, 2025 "SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, forty-seven soil and water conservation districts are political subdivisions of state, enumerated in Chapter 73 NMSA 1978 as a local government body to improve the natural resources of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the soil and water conservation districts promote responsible management and conservation on all lands working with local, state, federal and tribal land management agencies; and

WHEREAS, the members serving on the conservation district boards are elected by registered voters within their conservation districts through the provisions of the Local Election Act; and

WHEREAS, each year, soil and water conservation districts work with leaders in agriculture, environment, education and other industries to assist with voluntary, incentive-driven programs that benefit New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts in New Mexico are the local delivery system for much of the forest thinning projects; and

WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts work directly with landowners to assist with restoration and

1 rehabilitation from forest fires; and

2 WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are the  
3 local delivery system for riparian restoration projects and  
4 noxious weed control; and

5 WHEREAS, the forty-seven soil and water conservation  
6 districts work directly with landowners to improve the soils  
7 in New Mexico through implementation of the provisions of the  
8 Healthy Soil Act; and

9 WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts work with  
10 landowners and land management agencies to improve wildlife  
11 habitat in New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts work very  
13 closely with acequias to update and improve their water  
14 delivery systems; and

15 WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts manage  
16 watershed restoration projects to improve water quality and  
17 vegetation diversity;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 5, 2025  
20 be proclaimed "Soil and Water Conservation District Day" in  
21 the house of representatives; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the New Mexico association of conservation  
24 districts.

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