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HOUSE MEMORIAL 30

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

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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

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

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

8           WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts work  
9 directly with landowners to assist with restoration and  
10 rehabilitation from forest fires; and

11           WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are the  
12 local delivery system for riparian restoration projects and  
13 noxious weed control; and

14           WHEREAS, the forty-seven soil and water conservation  
15 districts work directly with landowners to improve the soils in  
16 New Mexico through implementation of the provisions of the  
17 Healthy Soil Act; and

18           WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts work with  
19 landowners and land management agencies to improve wildlife  
20 habitat in New Mexico; and

21           WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts work very  
22 closely with acequias to update and improve their water  
23 delivery systems; and

24           WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts manage  
25 watershed restoration projects to improve water quality and

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1 vegetation diversity;

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

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the New Mexico association of conservation  
8 districts.

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