

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1

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11 A JOINT MEMORIAL

12 PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL AS HISPANIC NEW MEXICO HISTORY
13 MONTH.
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15 WHEREAS, it is our desire that Hispanic New Mexican
16 children and youth develop and maintain a healthy self-image;
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18 WHEREAS, to develop a positive self-image it is
19 imperative that Hispanic children of New Mexico know,
20 understand and develop a sense of pride in who they are and
21 the role their ancestors played in the development of our
22 state; and

23 WHEREAS, it is right and proper for all peoples to know
24 and understand the unique history of Hispanics and the role
25 they played in the formation of our state; and

WHEREAS, between 1598 and 1821, when the Spanish flag
flew over New Mexico, our state had sixty-one Hispanic

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1 governors and our territory was vast, extending from southern
2 Colorado, to west Texas, through parts of northern Mexico,
3 parts of Utah and all of Arizona to eastern California; and

4 WHEREAS, between 1821 and 1846, when the Mexican flag
5 flew over New Mexico, our state had seventeen Hispanic
6 governors; and

7 WHEREAS, for the first two hundred fifty years of our
8 Hispanic New Mexican history, we proudly maintained our
9 Spanish language, customs, culture and faith; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1846, New Mexico became a territory of the
11 United States until we were made a state in 1912; and

12 WHEREAS, now, four hundred and two years later, we still
13 proudly herald and celebrate the survival of the Spanish
14 language, customs, culture and faith; and

15 WHEREAS, Hispanic children of New Mexico should find
16 their roots reflected in story books, oral history, history
17 books and as part of the curriculum in their schools,
18 enabling them to take ownership and pride in the four hundred
19 year development of their country, the United States of
20 America; and

21 WHEREAS, our Hispanic New Mexico history is unique among
22 all the states in the union; and

23 WHEREAS, studying our history will build understanding
24 and acceptance among all people;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that April be proclaimed Hispanic New
Mexico history month.

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