

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 28, 2015 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the Gila
6 wilderness; and

7 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching
8 and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Anglo and Native
9 American cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days
10 of sunshine, vast mountain landscapes and small-town
11 atmosphere; and

12 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
13 national scenic trail, rising six thousand to seven thousand
14 five hundred feet above sea level and offering cool summer
15 temperatures and uninterrupted views to the Mexican border
16 to the south; and

17 WHEREAS, the first designated Continental Divide trail
18 gateway community, dedicated to the promotion and protection
19 of the trail, is located in Grant county; and

20 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west
21 history that includes early Native Americans, Chiricahua
22 Apaches and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and
23 lawman
24 Dan Tucker; and

25 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico

1 university, where its museum houses the world's foremost
2 collections of ancient Mimbres pottery; and

3 WHEREAS, Grant county is New Mexico's richest county
4 for mining; and

5 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of
6 the one hundred twenty-fifth United States colored infantry
7 was established at Fort Bayard; and

8 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored to be the home of many
9 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two hundredth
10 coast artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the
11 Bataan death march; and

12 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the tour of the Gila,
13 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race that attracts
14 national and international teams and boosts awareness and
15 use of the trail of the mountain spirits national scenic
16 byway;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 28, 2015 be proclaimed
19 "Grant County Day" in the senate; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great
21 places of Grant county be recognized; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the members of the board of county
24 commissioners of Grant county. _____
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