

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 18, 2015 "NORTHERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the mission of northern New Mexico university
6 is to ensure student success by providing access to
7 affordable, community-based learning opportunities that meet
8 the educational, cultural and economic needs of the region;
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10 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university was
11 constitutionally chartered in 1909 as the Spanish American
12 normal school with a primary function of training teachers
13 for the state's Spanish-speaking population; and

14 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university's
15 one-hundred-six-year history is reflective of its commitment
16 to the region through its evolution from a normal school to
17 a technical vocational institute, community college,
18 comprehensive four-year college and most recently, a
19 university; and

20 WHEREAS, as a result of its constitutional charter,
21 northern New Mexico university is recognized as the first
22 Hispanic-serving institution in the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university is the only
24 university in the state to simultaneously meet the
25 requirements for an institution serving Hispanics and Native

1 Americans; and

2 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university provides its
3 students with expansive educational opportunities, including
4 general educational development testing preparation, fifteen
5 bachelor's degrees, more than fifty associate degrees and
6 over fifty certificates; and

7 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university offers four
8 post-baccalaureate programs and works through partnerships
9 to provide northern New Mexicans with access to graduate and
10 doctoral degrees; and

11 WHEREAS, the university's commitment to accessibility
12 is underscored in its recognition as one of the most
13 affordable four-year institutions in the southwestern United
14 States;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that northern New Mexico university be
17 recognized for the important role the institution plays in
18 providing post-secondary opportunities to northern
19 New Mexicans and the many students who relocate to the
20 region to pursue a college degree; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 18, 2015 be
22 declared "Northern New Mexico University Day" in the senate;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the board of regents of northern New Mexico

1 state school and to the president of northern New Mexico

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2 university. _____

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