

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 18, 2015 "ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

3
4 WHEREAS, Espanola valley lies along the Rio Grande
5 within the historic counties of Rio Arriba and Santa Fe; and

6 WHEREAS, Espanola valley encompasses the centuries-old
7 Pueblo of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh, whose people
8 nurtured the land long before the arrival of European
9 settlers; and

10 WHEREAS, 1998 marked the quatercentenary of colonial
11 Hispanic influence in northern New Mexico and in the Espanola
12 valley; and

13 WHEREAS, the founding in 1598 of San Gabriel, the first
14 capitol, was at Yungue, near the confluence of what would be
15 known as the Chama river and the Rio Grande; and

16 WHEREAS, the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico
17 was established at the end of the camino real trade route
18 traversing the route from Mexico to Ohkay Owingeh; and

19 WHEREAS, the original Espanola valley consisted of five
20 communities, Santa Cruz de la Canada, Santo Nino, San Pedro,
21 La Vega de Los Vigil and Corral de Pierda, and a small area
22 called Curuco; and

23 WHEREAS, cultural diversity is honored and supported in
24 New Mexico, where the strong roots of Hispanic and Native
25 American culture make up the rich tapestry of traditions

1 found throughout the state today; and

2 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the counties of
3 Rio Arriba and Santa Fe represent significant contributions
4 made to the cultural, linguistic and religious diversity of
5 this part of the United States;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 18, 2015 be designated
8 "Espanola Valley Day" in the senate, honoring the Espanola
9 valley for its rich multicultural heritage and long-standing
10 traditions; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the mayor and councilors of the city of
13 Espanola; the mayor and councilors of the city of Santa Fe;
14 the chair of the Espanola county commission; the chair of the
15 Santa Fe county commission; the managers of Rio Arriba and
16 Santa Fe counties; and the governors of the Pueblo of
17 Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh. _____

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