

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 100

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING FEBRUARY 18, 2015 "NORTHERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
12 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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14 WHEREAS, the mission of northern New Mexico university is
15 to ensure student success by providing access to affordable,
16 community-based learning opportunities that meet the
17 educational, cultural and economic needs of the region; and

18 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university was
19 constitutionally chartered in 1909 as the Spanish American
20 normal school with a primary function of training teachers for
21 the state's Spanish-speaking population; and

22 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university's one-hundred-six-
23 year history is reflective of its commitment to the region
24 through its evolution from a normal school to a technical
25 vocational institute, community college, comprehensive four-

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1 year college and most recently, a university; and

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

5 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university is the only
6 university in the state to simultaneously meet the requirements
7 for an institution serving Hispanics and Native Americans; and

8 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university provides its
9 students with expansive educational opportunities, including
10 general educational development testing preparation, fifteen
11 bachelor's degrees, more than fifty associate degrees and over
12 fifty certificates; and

13 WHEREAS, northern New Mexico university offers four post-
14 baccalaureate programs and works through partnerships to
15 provide northern New Mexicans with access to graduate and
16 doctoral degrees; and

17 WHEREAS, the university's commitment to accessibility is
18 underscored in its recognition as one of the most affordable
19 four-year institutions in the southwestern United States;

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

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 18, 2015 be declared
2 "Northern New Mexico University Day" in the senate; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the board of regents of northern New Mexico
5 state school and to the president of northern New Mexico
6 university.