

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2016 "GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY" AT
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZING THE EIGHTEENTH
4 ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY AND
5 COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
6 SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO BETWEEN THE UNITED
7 STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

8 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the United States and the
9 Republic of Mexico signed the Treaty of Peace, Friendship,
10 Limits and Settlement, known as the Treaty of Guadalupe
11 Hidalgo, at the main altar of the old cathedral of Guadalupe
12 at the Villa Hidalgo to end the war between the two nations;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, through the treaty, Mexico formally
15 relinquished claims to over two hundred sixty-six thousand
16 square miles of land in Texas and directly ceded more than
17 five hundred twenty-five thousand square miles of additional
18 land from Mexico to the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, the lands relinquished or ceded by Mexico,
20 totaling over seven hundred ninety thousand square miles, now
21 constitute all or parts of eight states in the American west,
22 including Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,
23 Texas, Utah and Wyoming; and

24 WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo included
25 provisions for the protection of established property rights,

1 including community land grants, within the transferred
2 areas; and

3 WHEREAS, Spanish and Mexican community land grants and
4 Native American pueblo communities throughout New Mexico have
5 relied on the provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
6 to protect their current remaining common lands and as the
7 basis to pursue a just recovery of their traditional, former
8 common lands; and

9 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1998, community land grant heirs
10 and advocates from around the state came together at the
11 state capitol to celebrate the first-ever Guadalupe Hidalgo
12 Treaty Day; and

13 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-5-10 NMSA 1978, the
14 second of February is set apart each year and known as
15 "Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day" in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, February 2, 2016 marks one hundred sixty-eight
17 years since the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, over generations New Mexico's land grant
20 communities have experienced phenomenal changes in
21 government, culture and economy, and their resilience is
22 demonstrated by their growing vitality as political
23 subdivisions of the state;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2,

1 2016 be recognized as the eighteenth annual commemoration of
2 Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
4 extend its esteem to the community land grant heirs for their
5 continued, dedicated work throughout New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and federal
7 legislative support for all Spanish and Mexican community
8 land grants and Native American pueblos should continue far
9 into the future; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the board of trustees of all community land
12 grants registered in the state's official land grant
13 registry, the governors and tribal councils of all the
14 pueblos of New Mexico and the members of the New Mexico
15 congressional delegation.

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