

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 3, 2016 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

4
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 to
16 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 history
21 that includes early Native Americans, Chiricahua Apaches and
22 wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan
23 Tucker; and

24 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
25 university, where its museum houses the world's foremost

1 collections of ancient Mimbres pottery; and

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, in 2016, Grant county will celebrate Grant
17 county prospectors' forty-first year of "Grant County Day" in
18 Santa Fe;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 3, 2016 be proclaimed
21 "Grant County Day" in the senate; and

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the members of the board of county

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