

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 25, 2016 "UNM DAY" IN THE SENATE IN  
3 RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S DEDICATION TO  
4 EDUCATION, RESEARCH, HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE  
5 RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico was founded in  
8 1889; and

9 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the state's  
10 flagship research institution, serving thirty-six thousand  
11 students and employing twenty-two thousand New Mexicans; and

12 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico enrolls  
13 forty-eight percent of New Mexico college students in  
14 four-year institutions and has the highest four-year,  
15 five-year and six-year graduation rates in New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, university of New Mexico students attain  
17 forty-four percent of the state's baccalaureate degrees and  
18 seventy-seven percent of the state's doctoral and first  
19 professional degrees; and

20 WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred sixty-nine  
21 thousand active alumni, with lobos in every state and nearly  
22 one hundred countries; and

23 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico provides a  
24 research-driven education whereby faculty members engage in  
25 the investigation and scholarship that create new knowledge;

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2 WHEREAS, *Hispanic Business Magazine* has ranked the  
3 university of New Mexico in the top ten in the country for  
4 best business school, best engineering school, best law  
5 school and best medical school; and

6 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences  
7 center is the largest academic health complex in the state,  
8 combining education, research, patient care and community  
9 outreach to provide New Mexicans with the highest level of  
10 health care; and

11 WHEREAS, since 2008, the university of New Mexico has  
12 received over two billion four hundred million dollars  
13 (\$2,400,000,000) in contracts and research awards; and

14 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico filed for  
15 ninety-nine patents and was issued forty-six patents; and

16 WHEREAS, in total, the university of New Mexico has  
17 filed for one thousand two hundred eleven patents, has been  
18 issued four hundred fifty-four patents and has spun off  
19 ninety start-up companies; and

20 WHEREAS, the goal of the university of New Mexico's 2020  
21 vision plan is a sustained culture of innovation committed to  
22 developing solutions to society's complex problems through  
23 research and generating new knowledge and then taking those  
24 solutions into the marketplace;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 25, 2016 be declared "UNM  
2 Day" in the senate and that the university of New Mexico be  
3 commended for its service and dedication to the residents of  
4 New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the president of the university of  
7 New Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_

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