

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 102

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING FEBRUARY 15, 2016 AS "MILITARY AND VETERANS' DAY" IN
12 THE SENATE.

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14 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long and proud history of
15 military service by its residents, a service that dates back
16 hundreds of years before statehood, when indigenous New
17 Mexicans resisted the advancement of European settlers in the
18 area; and

19 WHEREAS, one hundred years ago, just four years after New
20 Mexico became the nation's forty-seventh state, "citizen
21 soldiers" of the New Mexico national guard were federally
22 activated for the first time when the United States army needed
23 assistance answering attacks by Mexican revolutionary Pancho
24 Villa and his men on the town of Columbus, New Mexico, and on
25 other outposts in the southwest territories; and

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1 WHEREAS, from that time on, members of the New Mexico
2 national guard and other residents continued to answer the call
3 to arms when the nation recruited brave men and women to serve
4 in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, the cold
5 war, the Vietnam conflict, the Gulf War and the global war on
6 terrorism and in peacetime eras between those wars and
7 conflicts; and

8 WHEREAS, with four military installations located in New
9 Mexico, and one hundred seventy-one thousand veterans and
10 military retirees living in the state, military influence
11 continues to remain a strong part of the state today;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that February 15, 2016 be declared "Military and
14 Veterans' Day" in the senate and that gratitude be extended to
15 New Mexico's current and former military service members for
16 their service and sacrifices for their country; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico national guard
18 be honored on the one-hundred-year anniversary of the New
19 Mexico national guard's first federal activation; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's citizen soldiers
21 be honored for answering the call when brave men and women are
22 needed at home or when warriors are needed abroad in times of
23 international crisis; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the department of military affairs and to the

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