

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2017 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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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, New  
12 Mexico's premier cycling stage race that attracts national  
13 and international teams and boosts awareness and use of the  
14 trail of the mountain spirits national scenic byway; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2017, Grant county will celebrate Grant  
16 county prospectors' forty-second year of "Grant County Day"  
17 in Santa Fe;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1,  
20 2017 be proclaimed "Grant County Day" in the house of  
21 representatives; 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

1 commissioners of Grant county.

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