

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 7, 2017 "CITY OF ESPANOLA AND RIO ARRIBA
3 COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the Espanola valley lies along the Rio Grande,
6 within historic Rio Arriba county; and

7 WHEREAS, the Espanola valley encompasses the
8 centuries-old Pueblo of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh, whose
9 people nurtured the land long before the arrival of European
10 settlers; and

11 WHEREAS, 1998 marked the quatercentenary of colonial
12 Hispanic influence in northern New Mexico and the Espanola
13 valley; and

14 WHEREAS, it was in the Espanola valley that the first
15 Spanish settlement of Nuevo Mexico was established on the
16 camino real trade route; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1598, the first capital of Spanish
18 New Mexico, San Gabriel, was founded at Yungue Uingue Pueblo
19 near the confluence of what would become known as the Chama
20 river and the Rio Grande; and

21 WHEREAS, the original Espanola consisted of five
22 communities: Santa Cruz de la Canada, Santo Nino, San Pedro,
23 La Vega de Los Vigils and Corral de Piedra, better known
24 today as the beautiful Espanola valley; and

25 WHEREAS, the state legislature honors and supports

1 cultural diversity, including the strong roots of Hispanic
2 and Native American culture that make up the rich tapestry of
3 traditions found throughout present-day New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and Rio Arriba county
5 represent the significant contributions made to the cultural,
6 linguistic and religious diversity of this area;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2017 be declared
9 "City of Espanola and Rio Arriba County Day" in the senate;
10 and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the mayor of Espanola, the city councilors of
13 Espanola, the chair of the Rio Arriba county commission, the
14 Rio Arriba county commissioners and the governors of Ohkay
15 Owingeh and the Pueblo of Santa Clara. _____

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