

HOUSE MEMORIAL 101

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 7, 2017 "CITY OF ESPANOLA AND RIO ARRIBA COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

WHEREAS, 1998 marked the quartercentenary of colonial Hispanic influence in northern New Mexico and the Espanola valley; and

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

WHEREAS, in 1598, the first capital of Spanish New Mexico,

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1 San Gabriel, was founded at Yungue Uingue Pueblo near the
2 confluence of what would become known as the Chama river and
3 the Rio Grande; and

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

8 WHEREAS, the state legislature honors and supports
9 cultural diversity, including the strong roots of Hispanic and
10 Native American culture that make up the rich tapestry of
11 traditions found throughout present-day New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and Rio Arriba county
13 represent the significant contributions made to the cultural,
14 linguistic and religious diversity of this area;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2017
17 be declared "City of Espanola and Rio Arriba County Day" in the
18 house of representatives; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the mayor of Espanola, the city councilors of
21 Espanola, the chair of the Rio Arriba county commission, the
22 Rio Arriba county commissioners and the governors of Ohkay
23 Owingeh and the Pueblo of Santa Clara.