

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 134

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

25 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 SENATE OF THE STATE  
16 OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2017 be declared "City of Espanola  
17 and Rio Arriba County Day" in the senate; and

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