

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 138

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

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT "LA MARCHA DE LOS NOVIOS" BE ADOPTED AS THE
12 OFFICIAL STATE DANCE.

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14 WHEREAS, "La Marcha de los Novios" ("March of the
15 Newlyweds") is derived from grand marches with historical roots
16 reaching back to official functions in medieval Europe; and

17 WHEREAS, colonists and merchants traveling up el camino
18 real del tierra adentro brought the tradition of the grand
19 march with them, and it developed into a distinctly New Mexico
20 version; and

21 WHEREAS, for generations, "La Marcha de los Novios" has
22 been performed in New Mexico to the accompaniment of violin,
23 guitar and sometimes mandolin; and

24 WHEREAS, although "La Marcha de los Novios" is a wedding
25 march, it has been and continues to be used throughout New

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1 Mexico as part of various community celebrations and important
2 public events; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico's "La Marcha de los Novios" is a
4 story-dance about cooperation, faith in the expression of the
5 goodness of humanity and positive resolution for the future;
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7 WHEREAS, "La Marcha de los Novios" is led by a couple that
8 directs the participants through different movement patterns as
9 the dance is taking place, and, therefore, people of all ages
10 can do it without any specific training in the dance; and

11 WHEREAS, a single performance of "La Marcha de los Novios"
12 can be conducted by as few as four couples or by well over one
13 hundred couples; and

14 WHEREAS, today, "La Marcha de los Novios" is performed all
15 over New Mexico to the accompaniment of contemporary bands and
16 orchestras and is used to open various civic events; and

17 WHEREAS, "La Marcha de los Novios" is simply fun to do;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
19 OF NEW MEXICO that the state be requested to adopt "La Marcha
20 de los Novios" as the official state dance; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the governor.