

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2018 "GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY" AT  
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZING THE TWENTY-FIRST  
4 ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY AND  
5 COMMEMORATING THE ONE-HUNDRED-SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
6 SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO BETWEEN THE UNITED  
7 STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

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9 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the United States and the  
10 Republic of Mexico signed the Treaty of Peace, Friendship,  
11 Limits and Settlement, known as the Treaty of Guadalupe  
12 Hidalgo, at the main altar of the old cathedral of Guadalupe  
13 at the Villa Hidalgo to end the war between the two nations;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the lands relinquished or ceded by Mexico,  
16 totaling over seven hundred ninety thousand square miles, now  
17 constitute all or parts of eight states in the American west,  
18 including Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,  
19 Texas, Utah and Wyoming; and

20 WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo included  
21 provisions for the protection of established property rights,  
22 including community land grants, within the transferred  
23 areas; and

24 WHEREAS, Spanish and Mexican community land grants and  
25 Native American pueblo communities throughout New Mexico have

1 relied on the provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo  
2 to protect their current remaining common lands and as the  
3 basis to pursue a just recovery of their traditional, former  
4 common lands; and

5 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1998, community land grant heirs  
6 and advocates from around the state came together at the  
7 state capitol to celebrate the first-ever Guadalupe Hidalgo  
8 treaty day; and

9 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-5-10 NMSA 1978, the  
10 second of February is set apart each year and known as  
11 "Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty day" in New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, February 2, 2018 marks one hundred seventy  
13 years since the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, over generations, New Mexico's land grant  
16 communities have experienced phenomenal changes in  
17 government, culture and economy, and their resilience is  
18 demonstrated by their growing vitality as political  
19 subdivisions of the state;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2,  
22 2018 be recognized as the twenty-first annual commemoration  
23 of Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty day; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and federal  
25 legislative support for all Spanish and Mexican community land

1 grants and Native American pueblos should continue far into

2 the future. \_\_\_\_\_

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