

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 9, 2018 "MORA COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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4 WHEREAS, Mora county has a rich and multifaceted
5 history, including indigenous peoples, Mexicano and Hispano
6 settlers and other settlers from a variety of ethnic and
7 racial backgrounds; and

8 WHEREAS, the unique and beautiful landscape of Mora
9 county is characterized by the Sangre de Cristo mountains in
10 the west, which are the headwaters for numerous acequias, and
11 by green irrigated valleys that give way to vast, open plains
12 on the east side of the county; and

13 WHEREAS, Mora county is home to several villages,
14 including Mora, Cleveland, Holman, Chacon, Watrous,
15 Guadalupita, Golondrinas, Buena Vista, Ledoux, Rainsville,
16 El Alto, El Carmen and others, as well as one incorporated
17 village, Wagon Mound; and

18 WHEREAS, the communities of Mora county have a rich
19 cultural heritage with a long history of agriculture,
20 logging, forest harvesting, hunting and fishing; and

21 WHEREAS, farming and ranching continue to be major
22 contributors to the local economy by supporting the
23 livelihood of many families in the county; and

24 WHEREAS, several places in Mora county have been
25 federally recognized for their significant historical and

1 natural history, including the Rio Mora national wildlife
2 refuge and the Fort Union national monument; and

3 WHEREAS, Mora county is home to two state parks,
4 including the iconic Morphy Lake state park and beautiful
5 Coyote Creek state park, which are beloved by locals and
6 visitors alike for camping, fishing and recreational uses;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, several community organizations are working to
9 build upon Mora county's natural beauty and rich history to
10 strengthen the local economy, including the Mora valley
11 chamber of commerce, the Mora valley spinning mill, the Mora
12 county economic development corporation and recently formed
13 cooperatives for agriculture, forestry and tourism; and

14 WHEREAS, Mora county is home to an arts and cultural
15 compound that is working to engage the community in the arts
16 and to promote tourism in Mora county; and

17 WHEREAS, the youth of Mora county are renowned for their
18 skill and tenacity in school sports, particularly basketball,
19 and both the boys and girls basketball teams have
20 distinguished themselves as district and statewide champions;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mora county government, which includes elected
23 officials and employees, has been diligent in working to
24 provide services to meet the basic needs of residents and has
25 either completed or made progress on projects such as a

1 collection center, a county complex and a senior center;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2018 be proclaimed
4 "Mora County Day" in the senate; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents of Mora county,
6 including various communities and the village of Wagon Mound,
7 be recognized for their history, culture and work to build a
8 bright future for future generations; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the board of county commission of Mora county,
11 the village of Wagon Mound councilors, the Mora valley chamber
12 of commerce and members of the board of the Mora independent
13 school district.

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