

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 29, 2020 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching
6 and art communities; blend of Hispanic, Native American and
7 Anglo cultures; blue skies with three hundred sixty days of
8 sunshine per year; vast mountain landscapes; and small-town
9 atmosphere; and

10 WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the vast Gila
11 wilderness; and

12 WHEREAS, Grant county's largest city and county seat,
13 Silver City, is the only municipality in New Mexico still
14 operating under the territorial charter issued by the
15 legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in 1878;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining
18 in New Mexico and is home to more restaurants than fast food
19 establishments; and

20 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
21 university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-
22 seventh anniversary this year, and the world's foremost
23 collections of ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the
24 western New Mexico university museum; and

25 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history SM 13
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1 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache
2 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman
3 Dan Tucker; and

4 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of
5 the one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry
6 was established at Fort Bayard; and

7 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
8 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two-hundredth
9 coast artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the
10 Bataan death march, including the late Representative
11 Tom Foy; and

12 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
13 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
14 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as
15 uninterrupted views of the Mexican border to the south; and

16 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,
17 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
18 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use
19 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway;
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21 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
22 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
23 written word and Southwest print fiesta; and

24 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor
25 Howie Morales of Grant county;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29, 2020 be proclaimed
3 "Grant County Day" in the senate; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great
5 places of Grant county be recognized; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the members of the board of county
8 commissioners of Grant county. _____

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