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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 26, 2023 "GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup and McKinley county are the northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup and McKinley county reflect the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of Native American residents of any New Mexico county, is the home of members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni and is the site of one of the largest annual gatherings of Native Americans, the intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

WHEREAS, last year, Gallup hosted the one hundredth annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans; and

WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a historic downtown and is recognized as both a New Mexico mainstreet and an arts and cultural district; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the legislature declared the city of Gallup to be the adventure capital of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county boasts world-renowned adventure

1 venues and trails, including the Zuni mountain trail system,
2 the jewel of the southwest; and

3 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is recognized as the most
4 patriotic small town in America and is home to a state-
5 national veterans cemetery; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce and,
7 since the nineteenth century, has been recognized by the BNSF
8 railway as a heritage community for its importance along its
9 transcontinental rail line; and

10 WHEREAS, McKinley county is home to Gallup energy
11 logistics park, one of only a handful of BNSF-certified sites
12 for economic development located in an internal-revenue-
13 service-designated opportunity zone;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26,
16 2023 be designated "Gallup/McKinley County Day" in the house
17 of representatives to honor and showcase the many facets of
18 the city of Gallup and McKinley county; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of
21 Gallup and the board of county commissioners of McKinley
22 county. _____