

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2024 "GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM DAY" IN  
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is dedicated to  
6 perpetuating the artistic legacy of Georgia O'Keeffe and to  
7 the study of interpretation of American modernism; and

8 WHEREAS, through its collections, exhibitions,  
9 publications, research center and educational programs, the  
10 museum contributes to scholarly discourse and serves diverse  
11 audiences; and

12 WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is the only museum  
13 in the United States dedicated to a single female artist with  
14 international status and whose work is closely associated  
15 with New Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is the only museum  
17 in New Mexico to be invited to join the one-hundred-six-year-  
18 old association of art museum directors; and

19 WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum is the most visited  
20 art museum in New Mexico and the most visited tourist  
21 attraction in Santa Fe, drawing more than one hundred eighty-  
22 five thousand visitors annually; and

23 WHEREAS, the museum held a kickoff event in October 2023  
24 to celebrate the launch of its seventy-five-million-dollar  
25 (\$75,000,000) expansion; and

1           WHEREAS, local architect Devendra Contractor is  
2 designing the new building, and nearly an acre of green space  
3 is set to replace the museum's education annex in downtown  
4 Santa Fe; and

5           WHEREAS, to date, donors from all over the world have  
6 raised eighty percent of the total cost, which is over sixty  
7 million dollars (\$60,000,000); and

8           WHEREAS, the Georgia O'Keeffe museum collection includes  
9 one hundred forty oil paintings, one hundred twenty  
10 watercolors and thousands of photographs relating to  
11 O'Keeffe's life; and

12           WHEREAS, the project will triple the museum's gallery  
13 space to allow for the museum to profoundly tell the story of  
14 Georgia O'Keeffe's art, life and legacy;

15           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,  
17 2024 be declared "Georgia O'Keeffe Museum Day" in the house  
18 of representatives; and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to the board of directors of the Georgia O'Keeffe  
21 museum.

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