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**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2024 "UNM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico was founded in 1889; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the state's flagship research institution, serving more than twenty-six thousand students and employing tens of thousands of New Mexico residents, including employees of the university of New Mexico hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, approximately four thousand five hundred students received degrees from the university of New Mexico's main and branch campuses, including approximately two thousand

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1 nine hundred bachelor's degrees, one thousand master's degrees,  
2 one hundred one juris doctorates, ninety-one medical doctorates  
3 and sixty-nine pharmacy doctorates; and

4 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico annually awards over  
5 one hundred forty-seven million dollars (\$147,000,000) in  
6 scholarships; and

7 WHEREAS, there are more than two hundred thousand active  
8 alumni, with lobos in every state, including one hundred  
9 twenty-four thousand in New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is celebrating a  
11 century of graduate studies, giving students access to  
12 nationally recognized faculty, cutting-edge research,  
13 professional and academic development and student support; and

14 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's graduate and  
15 professional student association is celebrating fifty-five  
16 years of identifying, promoting and supporting the interests of  
17 graduate and professional students; and

18 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences  
19 center is the state's largest integrated health care treatment,  
20 research and education organization, with national recognition  
21 for primary care, rural medicine, family medicine, nursing and  
22 midwifery, and is home to the state's only national-cancer-  
23 institute-designated comprehensive cancer center; and

24 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico hospital is the only  
25 level one trauma center for the state and admits approximately

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1 three thousand trauma patients each year; and

2 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico provides a research-  
3 driven education, where faculty members engage in investigation  
4 and scholarship that create new knowledge, which brings  
5 sustained wealth to New Mexico's economy; and

6 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is a community of  
7 unique perspectives that embraces peoples' differences and  
8 celebrates a culture of contrast rather than a contrast of  
9 cultures; and

10 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the university  
11 for New Mexico;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 29,  
14 2024 be declared "UNM Day" in the house of representatives in  
15 recognition of the university of New Mexico's service and  
16 dedication to the residents of New Mexico; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico.