

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING MARCH 3, 2017 "NEW MEXICO TRiO PROGRAMS DAY" AT
3 THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, 2017 is the fifty-second anniversary of the
6 nationwide federal TRiO student support programs, and New
7 Mexico was one of the first states to implement the programs;
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9 WHEREAS, all TRiO programs are vested in the notion that
10 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
11 education without regard to race, gender, national origin or
12 disability status or their family's economic resources or
13 educational background; and

14 WHEREAS, seven TRiO programs are funded by the United
15 States department of education, including talent search,
16 upward bound, upward bound math and science, veterans upward
17 bound, student support services, educational opportunity
18 centers and the Ronald E. McNair postbaccalaureate program;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, since 1965, more than ten million five hundred
21 thousand Americans from poor and working families have
22 benefited from the services of TRiO pre-college and college
23 programs; and

24 WHEREAS, as of 2014, more than one thousand two hundred
25 colleges, universities and community agencies in the country

1 host more than two thousand six hundred TRiO programs,
2 serving approximately eight hundred sixty-six thousand young
3 people and adults from poor and working families; and

4 WHEREAS, TRiO services include assistance in choosing a
5 college; tutoring; personal and financial counseling; career
6 counseling; assistance in applying to college; workplace and
7 college visits; special instruction in reading, writing,
8 study skills and mathematics; assistance in applying for
9 financial aid; and academic assistance in high school or
10 assistance to reenter high school; and

11 WHEREAS, TRiO programs have been providing educational
12 support and increased access to higher education for
13 disadvantaged students for more than forty years; and

14 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there are thirty-six TRiO
15 programs, which bring in over twelve million dollars
16 (\$12,000,000) in federal funding and serve more than twelve
17 thousand students; and

18 WHEREAS, the congress of the United States first enacted
19 National TRiO Day in 1986 to recognize the achievements of
20 all TRiO programs and their role in advancing equal
21 opportunity in post-secondary education; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico TRiO Programs Day is meant to
23 increase awareness and garner support for all TRiO programs,
24 TRiO students, college graduates, administrators, counselors
25 and state and federal supporters; and

1 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help
2 low-income and first-generation students to enter college and
3 earn a college degree and should be expanded to serve more
4 Americans;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the TRiO
7 programs be recognized for the important role they have
8 played in encouraging and assisting students seeking higher
9 education; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that March 3, 2017 be proclaimed
11 "New Mexico TRiO Programs Day" in the house of
12 representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to Chris Luna, TRiO New Mexico president, at the
15 university of New Mexico.

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