

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2018 "PUBLIC LANDS DAY" AT THE  
12 LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO  
13 THE RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO THROUGH PUBLIC LANDS IN NEW MEXICO.  
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15 WHEREAS, New Mexico contains a variety of national public  
16 lands, including national parks, monuments and preserves;  
17 national forests and rangelands; wildlife refuges; wilderness  
18 areas; and other public lands; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands reflect many noble  
20 democratic ideals because public lands are open and accessible  
21 to everyone, no matter their place of residence, their race or  
22 their ethnicity or whether they are rich or poor; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands are defining features  
24 of the state and enrich the state's quality of life by  
25 supporting the vitality of communities and core cultural land

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1 use values representing all New Mexicans' common heritage; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands feature an amazingly  
3 diverse range of landscapes, from the snow-capped peaks of the  
4 Rocky mountains to rushing rivers, rock canyons, grassy plains,  
5 desert landscapes and tree-lined mountain valleys; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands provide many benefits  
7 to residents and visitors and support a wide variety of  
8 activities, from recreational pursuits to natural resource  
9 development and uses; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands have a substantial  
11 impact on economic development and jobs through mineral  
12 extraction, timber sales, ranching, tourism and outdoor  
13 recreational industries; and

14 WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands contribute to the  
15 state's clean air and clean water and are a vital repository of  
16 precious and limited water sources; and

17 WHEREAS, the resources of these public lands, including  
18 water, minerals, grass for livestock, timber and the native  
19 fish and wildlife that depend on these lands, belong equally to  
20 all Americans and the sovereign nations that reside upon these  
21 lands; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexicans of all races, ethnicities,  
23 occupations and lifestyles continue to derive multiple benefits  
24 from the traditional, long-standing multiple-use management  
25 philosophy of public lands under the stewardship of the United

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1 States forest service and the federal bureau of land  
2 management; and

3 WHEREAS, these practices reflect the public support for  
4 policies incorporating a judicious balance between aesthetic,  
5 recreational and economic values; and

6 WHEREAS, the prudent stewardship, conservation and  
7 tempered use of all public natural resources are worthy goals  
8 of all governing bodies;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public lands of New Mexico be  
11 honored by all New Mexicans; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 2, 2018 be declared  
13 "Public Lands Day" at the legislature; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the commissioner of public lands, the New Mexico  
16 state director of the federal bureau of land management and the  
17 regional forester of the southwestern regional office of the  
18 United States forest service.