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SENATE MEMORIAL 41

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

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY PROGRAM; DECLARING
FEBRUARY 5, 2018 "NATIONAL HISTORY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, national history day has been the premier history
research contest with a national scope for more than thirty
years; and

WHEREAS, national history day supports social studies
classrooms in public, private and charter schools in both urban
and rural communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, more than four thousand five hundred students
aged nine to eighteen participate in national history day
programs in nearly fifty schools statewide; and

WHEREAS, national history day students develop college and
career readiness in areas of scholarly research, analysis,
synthesis, critical thinking, reading, writing, time management

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1 and orally defending their work; and

2 WHEREAS, many national history day students develop
3 technology-based skills, such as web development, filmmaking
4 and incorporating digital media in nondigital projects; and

5 WHEREAS, national history day students show improved test
6 scores across subject areas, including reading, writing,
7 science and math; and

8 WHEREAS, national history day students demonstrate
9 perseverance, often spending an entire academic year developing
10 and revising projects; and

11 WHEREAS, national history day inspires interest and value
12 in history as well as a more mature perspective on current
13 events and the dispositions needed in an informed citizenry;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the national history day program instills
16 confidence in students for a number of applied skills, such as
17 communication, organization, collaboration, evaluation,
18 planning and general knowledge; and

19 WHEREAS, national history day encourages students to
20 engage with civic institutions, such as libraries, museums,
21 archives and institutions of higher learning; and

22 WHEREAS, the academic benefits of participating in
23 national history day can continue long after the student has
24 left the program;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that in recognition of the contributions of
2 national history day to the state, February 5, 2018 be declared
3 "National History Day" in the senate; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
5 transmitted to New Mexico's national history day sponsoring
6 organization, the New Mexico humanities council.