

1 A MEMORIAL

2 COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL WILD
3 TURKEY FEDERATION; RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL WILD TURKEY
4 FEDERATION'S SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENTIFIC WILDLIFE
5 MANAGEMENT, RESEARCH AND HABITAT CONSERVATION AND THE
6 PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE LONG-HONORED OUTDOOR
7 TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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9 WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation,
10 incorporated, was incorporated on March 28, 1973 in
11 Fredericksburg, Virginia; and

12 WHEREAS, over the course of fifty years, the national
13 wild turkey federation and its members and chapters across
14 the nation have worked with state, federal and
15 nongovernmental partners to promote the conservation of the
16 wild turkey and to preserve America's hunting heritage; and

17 WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation has aided
18 in one of the greatest conservation success stories in
19 American history: the repopulation of the wild turkey from
20 the brink of extinction; and

21 WHEREAS, three out of six subspecies of wild turkey make
22 New Mexico their home: the Merriam's wild turkey, the Rio
23 Grande wild turkey and the Gould's wild turkey; and

24 WHEREAS, the Gould's wild turkey is unique to the
25 regions of southwest New Mexico, southeast Arizona and the

1 country of Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, the Gould's wild turkey is the largest wild
3 turkey subspecies, with the longest legs and the whitest
4 feather tips; and

5 WHEREAS, wild turkeys are a popular game species for
6 hunters and a welcome sight to bird watchers, hikers and all
7 New Mexicans who spend time in turkey country; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1975 the department of game and fish
9 designated the Gould's wild turkey as a threatened species;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation has
12 provided funding to and worked with the department of game
13 and fish to restore populations and enhance the genetic
14 diversity of Gould's wild turkeys in New Mexico through
15 research and translocation; and

16 WHEREAS, the Gould's wild turkey was removed from the
17 New Mexico threatened and endangered species list in October
18 2022; and

19 WHEREAS, the national wild turkey federation is the
20 largest and longest serving nongovernmental stewardship
21 partner of the United States department of agriculture forest
22 service, conserving habitats on national forest system lands
23 for more than forty years and assisting in the development
24 and implementation of the United States department of
25 agriculture's wildfire crisis strategy; and

1 WHEREAS, the New Mexico chapter of the national wild
2 turkey federation holds one of the most successful women in
3 the outdoors events in the country at camp tall pines in
4 Mayhill;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the national
7 wild turkey federation and its chapters and members across
8 the United States be recognized and saluted for their
9 tremendous efforts to further scientific, state-led wildlife
10 management, the conservation of America's wild turkey and its
11 habitat and their continuing mission to work across
12 land-ownership boundaries to increase the amount of clean and
13 abundant waters, healthy forests and wildlife habitats,
14 resilient communities and robust recreational opportunities
15 across the country; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the national wild turkey federation. _____