

HOUSE MEMORIAL 14

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 29, 2026 "NEW MEXICO TRIO PROGRAMS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, TRIO is a series of programs funded by the United States department of education that helps first-generation, low-income students access higher education; and

WHEREAS, TRIO derives its name from the initiative's original three programs: upward bound, created in 1964; educational talent search, created in 1965; and special services for disadvantaged students, created in 1968 and now known as student support services; and

WHEREAS, since 1986, congress has recognized a "National TRIO Day" in recognition of the achievements of the TRIO programs and the more than ten million students from low-income and working families that have benefited from the services of

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1 TRIO pre-college and college programs; and

2 WHEREAS, 2026 is the sixty-second anniversary of the
3 creation of TRIO programs, and New Mexico was one of the first
4 states to implement these programs; and

5 WHEREAS, all TRIO programs are vested in the notion that
6 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
7 education without regard to race, gender, national origin,
8 disability status, family economic resources or family
9 educational background; and

10 WHEREAS, in addition to the original three programs, TRIO
11 programs now include talent search, upward bound math/science,
12 veterans upward bound, educational opportunity centers and the
13 Robert E. McNair post-baccalaureate achievement program; and

14 WHEREAS, there are thirty-eight TRIO programs in New
15 Mexico that attract more than twelve million five hundred
16 thousand dollars (\$12,500,000) in annual federal funding and
17 serve nearly ten thousand students; and

18 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs help first-
19 generation, low-income students prepare for and gain admission
20 to college and obtain college degrees and should be expanded in
21 order to serve more students;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico
24 TRIO programs be recognized for the important role they play in
25 encouraging and assisting students seeking higher education by

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declaring January 29, 2026 as "New Mexico TRIO Programs Day" in the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Eilleen Garcia, president-elect of the TRIO New Mexico association.

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