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## A MEMORIAL

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PROCLAMING FEBRUARY 5, 2026 "GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WHEREAS, the city of Gallup and McKinley county are the northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and

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WHEREAS, the city of Gallup and McKinley county reflect the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of New Mexico; and

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WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of Native American residents of any New Mexico county, is the home of members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni and is the site of one of the largest annual gatherings of Native Americans, the intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

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WHEREAS, last year, Gallup hosted the one hundred third annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

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1           WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental  
2 divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and  
3 Atlantic oceans; and

4           WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a historic downtown and is  
5 recognized as both a New Mexico mainstreet and an arts and  
6 cultural district; and

7           WHEREAS, in 2011, the legislature declared the city of  
8 Gallup to be the adventure capital of New Mexico; and

9           WHEREAS, McKinley county boasts world-renowned adventure  
10 venues and trails, including the Zuni mountain trail system,  
11 the jewel of the southwest; and

12          WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is recognized as the most  
13 patriotic small town in America and is home to a state-national  
14 veterans cemetery; and

15          WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce and,  
16 since the nineteenth century, has been recognized by the BNSF  
17 railway as a heritage community for its importance along its  
18 transcontinental rail line; and

19          WHEREAS, McKinley county is home to Gallup energy  
20 logistics park, one of only a handful of BNSF-certified sites  
21 for economic development located in an internal-revenue-  
22 service-designated opportunity zone;

23          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 5,  
25 2026 be designated "Gallup/McKinley County Day" in the house of  
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representatives to honor and showcase the many facets of the city of Gallup and McKinley county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of Gallup and the board of county commissioners of McKinley county.

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