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HOUSE MEMORIAL 15

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 representatives to honor and showcase the many facets of the
2 city of Gallup and McKinley county; and

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

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