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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 28, 2026 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network was first established twenty-five years ago, in 2001, in order to promote national board certification for New Mexico teachers and promote accomplished teaching throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher network advocates for leadership opportunities for national board-certified teachers; educates teachers about the national board's body of knowledge teaching practices; supports candidates through the national board for professional teaching standards certification process; celebrates achievement; offers opportunities to all constituent groups; and supports and

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1 recognizes all national board-certified teachers in all school
2 districts in the state and in the state legislature; and

3 WHEREAS, national board-certified teachers are recognized
4 as being among the best teachers in the profession, and studies
5 show that these teachers remain in the profession at much
6 higher rates than those who are not national board certified;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, studies also show that students of national
9 board-certified teachers learn more than students taught by
10 other teachers and learn the equivalent of several additional
11 weeks or months of instruction in math and language arts and
12 that national board-certified teachers have an even greater
13 impact on minority and low-income students; and

14 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous
15 process that can take three to five years to achieve, and
16 applicants must demonstrate competency across three different
17 performance-based domains along with a written test of content
18 and pedagogical knowledge; and

19 WHEREAS, as of 2024, New Mexico had one thousand six
20 hundred twelve national board-certified teachers who have been
21 certified since 1995 across school districts, bureau of Indian
22 education schools and charter schools, with many national
23 board-certified teachers serving in Title I schools, and has
24 four hundred fifty-one national board-certified teachers of
25 color and five hundred ninety-six national board-certified

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teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics areas; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has seen a continued interest and growth in national board certification, and as of January 2025, New Mexico is ranked eighth in the nation for the percentage of educators who are national board-certified teachers with active certifications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
achievements and contributions of all national board-certified
teachers in the learning and growth of New Mexico students be
recognized by proclaiming January 28, 2026 "New Mexico National
Board-Certified Teachers Recognition Day" in the house of
representatives.

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