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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

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

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

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

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