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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING 2026 AS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE WOMAN FARMER
IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the United Nations general assembly has declared 2026 the "International Year of the Woman Farmer", recognizing the vital role women play in agriculture, food production and sustaining rural economies worldwide; and

WHEREAS, this designation provides an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the essential contributions of women in agriculture and encourage policies and investments that empower women farmers, ranchers and agribusiness professionals; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the national association of state departments of agriculture and its members are championing the International Year of the Woman Farmer to uplift, equip, connect and recognize women in agriculture

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1 across the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, according to the 2022 census of agriculture,
3 there are approximately fifteen thousand female farmers and
4 ranchers in New Mexico, accounting for forty-one percent of all
5 agricultural producers in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, eighty-four percent of New Mexico farms and
7 ranches are family operated, producing the beef, chile, pecans,
8 onions, dairy and other commodities for which the state is
9 known; and

10 WHEREAS, women farmers and ranchers in New Mexico not only
11 cultivate the land but also contribute to research and
12 development, manufacturing, sales and distribution, innovation,
13 entrepreneurship, conservation, leadership in food systems,
14 agricultural education, community resilience, agribusiness and
15 advocacy, which extends benefits to individuals around the
16 globe; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico's agricultural sector is a diverse and
18 dynamic part of the state's economy, contributing nearly three
19 billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000) annually, employing tens of
20 thousands of people, encompassing more than forty million acres
21 of agricultural land and preserving rural heritage, food
22 security, local jobs and community well-being; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico recognizes the significant positive
24 influence women in agriculture have on food resources and the
25 agricultural workforce; and

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WHEREAS, New Mexico women in agriculture have been recognized as national leaders by serving as presidents of national organizations, serving on national committees and by induction in the national agricultural center and hall of fame, the national cowgirl museum and hall of fame and the national cowboy and western heritage museum's hall of great westerners, to name a few;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that 2026 be
recognized as the International Year of the Woman Farmer in New
Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the members of the legislature.

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