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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2026 "UNM DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico was founded in 1889 and is the state's flagship university; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico currently serves more than twenty-eight thousand students across all of its campuses and employs tens of thousands of New Mexico residents, including employees of the university of New Mexico hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, more than five thousand students received degrees from the university of New Mexico's main and branch campuses, including approximately three thousand four hundred bachelor's degrees, more than nine hundred master's

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1 degrees, one hundred eight juris doctorates and ninety-seven
2 medical doctorates; and

3 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico awarded more than
4 one hundred ninety-one million dollars (\$191,000,000) in
5 scholarships in the 2024-2025 academic year; and

6 WHEREAS, there are more than two hundred thousand active
7 alumni, with lobos in every state, including one hundred
8 twenty-four thousand in New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1996, the university of New Mexico has
10 disclosed two thousand six hundred sixty-one new inventions and
11 filed one thousand nine hundred thirty-five patent
12 applications, and in 2024, the last full year of reporting, the
13 university of New Mexico filed for seventy patents, with
14 thirty-three patents issued; and

15 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences
16 center is the state's largest integrated health care treatment,
17 research and educational organization, with national
18 recognition for primary care, rural medicine, family medicine,
19 nursing and midwifery, and is home to the state's only
20 national-cancer-institute-designated comprehensive cancer
21 center; and

22 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico hospital is the only
23 level one trauma center for the state and sees approximately
24 one million patient visits per year; and

25 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico, as the state of New

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1 Mexico's premier Carnegie-designated "Research 1" institution,
2 provides a research-driven education where faculty members
3 engage in investigation and scholarship that create new
4 knowledge, which brings sustained wealth to New Mexico's
5 economy; and

6 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is a community of
7 unique perspectives that embraces peoples' differences and
8 celebrates a culture of contrast rather than a contrast of
9 cultures; and

10 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the university
11 for New Mexico;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 4,
14 2026 be declared "UNM Day" in the house of representatives in
15 recognition of the university of New Mexico's service and
16 dedication to the residents of New Mexico; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico.