

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2020 "WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE DAY" IN THE  
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico farm and livestock bureau has  
6 been the voice of agriculture in New Mexico since 1917, and  
7 the bureau is an independent, voluntary, grassroots  
8 organization that advocates for agriculture to ensure a  
9 sustainable future; and

10 WHEREAS, the women's leadership program is part of the  
11 New Mexico farm and livestock bureau and supports women in  
12 agriculture and their leadership development roles; and

13 WHEREAS, thirty-four percent of New Mexico farmers and  
14 ranchers are women, and they have an economic impact of  
15 eighty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars  
16 (\$88,500,000); and

17 WHEREAS, agriculture is a major contributor to  
18 New Mexico's economy as the third largest employer in the  
19 state; and

20 WHEREAS, women are of vital importance to rural  
21 economies, not only in New Mexico but across the nation and  
22 around the world; and

23 WHEREAS, women raising poultry and small livestock and  
24 growing food crops are responsible for sixty percent to  
25 eighty percent of food production in developing countries;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico senate supports women in  
3 agriculture and women in leadership roles;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 4, 2020 be declared "Women  
6 in Agriculture Day" in the senate in honor of the New Mexico  
7 women farmers and ranchers who work hard to provide residents  
8 of New Mexico, the United States and the world with the food,  
9 fuel and fiber they consume; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the director of the New Mexico department of  
12 agriculture. \_\_\_\_\_

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