

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 13, 2020 "NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY
3 DAY" IN THE SENATE.

4
5 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has been an
6 important educational, cultural, social and economic asset in
7 New Mexico, particularly northern New Mexico, since 1893; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university serves nearly
9 four thousand students each year and has nearly five hundred
10 fifty employees at the school's main campus and centers; and

11 WHEREAS, the vision of New Mexico highlands university
12 is to be a premier university, transforming lives and
13 communities now and for generations to come; and

14 WHEREAS, the core values of New Mexico highlands
15 university are excellence, diversity, accessibility and
16 responsiveness; and

17 WHEREAS, the priorities of New Mexico highlands
18 university are academic excellence, academic integration and
19 student success; strategic enrollment management; vibrant
20 campus and university life; community partnerships;
21 technological advancement and innovation; and enhanced
22 communication and efficiency across the university; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university effectively
24 serves students across the state and beyond its borders,
25 online and on its campuses and centers in Las Vegas,

1 Santa Fe, Farmington, Rio Rancho, Albuquerque and Roswell;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university educates many
4 first-generation college students, transforming their lives
5 and the lives of their families and future generations; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has many active
7 alumni, representing every state and many countries, guided
8 by a vibrant alumni association board of directors; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has welcomed
10 its first cohort of master of fine arts students in media
11 arts and technology, has instituted a new alternative teacher
12 certification program designed to fast track teacher
13 licensure and has initiated a professional development
14 school, the school of education, which collaborates with the
15 Los Alamos national laboratory and Pojoaque Valley public
16 school district; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university recently had a
18 banner year in athletics with its men's basketball team
19 winning the Rocky Mountain athletic conference championship,
20 Annie Topal of the highlands track and field team winning the
21 national collegiate athletic association division II national
22 championship in the triple jump while maintaining a 4.0 grade
23 point average and the Vatos rugby club winning its third
24 national championship in the national small college rugby
25 organization sevens championship; and

1 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university launched its
2 Mariachi Vaqueros de Highlands musical ensemble, initiated an
3 e-sports program and saw continued improvement in student
4 life, with highly successful events on campus, along with
5 numerous theater and music events and high usage of the
6 student outdoor recreation center; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is a
8 Hispanic-serving institution, with more than fifty percent
9 enrolled Hispanic students, and strives to be a
10 Native-American-serving institution, with nearly nine
11 percent enrolled Native-American students; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university welcomes
13 students from northern New Mexico, all of New Mexico, the
14 United States and the world;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 13, 2020 be declared
17 "New Mexico Highlands University Day" in the senate; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico highlands
19 university be commended for its service and dedication to the
20 residents of New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the president of New Mexico highlands
23 university. _____