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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING JANUARY 26, 2008 AS "GREATER ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY"
AT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Espanola valley lies nestled in both Rio Arriba and Santa Fe counties, is surrounded by the Pueblos of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh and has a vigorous tricultural history; and

WHEREAS, 1998 marked the four hundredth anniversary of Hispanic influence in the Espanola valley, commencing in 1598 with the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico and the opening of the trade route known as El Camino Real, running from Mexico to the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh; and

WHEREAS, the legislature honors and promotes cultural diversity, including the strong Hispanic culture and traditions that can be found throughout New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the counties of Rio Arriba and Santa Fe exemplify cultural diversity and deep-rooted Hispanic traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 26, 2008 be recognized as "Greater Espanola Valley Day" at the New Mexico legislature, honoring the entire Espanola valley for its diversity of culture and long-standing Hispanic traditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to Michael Chavarria, governor of the Pueblo of
2 Santa Clara; Earl Salazar, governor of the Pueblo of Ohkay
3 Owingeh; Felipe Martinez, chair of the Rio Arriba county
4 commission; Joseph Maestas, mayor of the city of Espanola;
5 and Archie Vigil, mayor of the village of Chama. _____

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