

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 10, 2012 AS "ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY" AT THE
3 NEW MEXICO SENATE.

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

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

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

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 10, 2012 be recognized as
22 "Espanola Valley Day" at the New Mexico senate, honoring the
23 entire Espanola valley for its diversity of culture and
24 long-standing Hispanic traditions; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to city of Espanola Mayor Alice A. Lucero and
2 Mayor Pro Tem Cecilia Lujan; Councilors Rosario "Chayo"
3 Garcia, Dennis Tim Salazar, Pedro Valdez, Cory Lewis,
4 Robert Seeds, Greg Ortega and Helen Kain-Salazar; City
5 Manager James Lujan; Santa Fe County Commissioner
6 Danny Mayfield; Rio Arriba County Commission Chair
7 Barney Trujillo; and Rio Arriba County Commissioners
8 Alfredo Montoya and Felipe Martinez. _____

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