

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY
3 AS "CELTIC HERITAGE DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.
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5 WHEREAS, people from the Celtic seven nations, Ireland,
6 Scotland, Wales, Cornwall, Isle of Man, Brittany and Galicia,
7 settled in New Mexico and have made important contributions
8 to the state; and

9 WHEREAS, the preservation and study of Celtic culture,
10 including sports, music, art, history, folklore, dance and
11 literature, enriches the lives of the residents of
12 New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, the Rio Grande valley Celtic festival, held the
14 third weekend in May, celebrates traditional Celtic
15 activities, such as Highland games, also known as heavy
16 athletics, dance, bagpiping, music, rugby, a Celtic dog
17 exhibition and the gathering of people from the seven nations
18 for cultural exchange; and

19 WHEREAS, the twenty-fifth annual Rio Grande valley
20 Celtic festival has been selected to host the masters world
21 championship, which will bring male and female athletes age
22 forty and above from all over the world to compete in these
23 traditional games of strength and skill on May 18, 2013; and

24 WHEREAS, Celtic traditions are a part of the American
25 landscape and culture, and today's Celtic Americans continue

1 to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique segment of
2 America's heritage;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to
5 designate the third Saturday in May as "Celtic Heritage Day"
6 in New Mexico; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the governor and the mayor of Albuquerque. SM 28
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