

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT NEW MEXICO'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION PURSUE  
3 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO LAND GRANT HISTORY  
4 IN NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, New Mexico's land grants are an important part  
7 of the state's culture and history and have played a unique  
8 role in the state, both when the area was part of Spanish and  
9 Mexican territory and when Nuevo México was incorporated into  
10 the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico's land grants define the identity of  
12 many of the state's indigenous people; and

13 WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 5 of the constitution of  
14 New Mexico states, "The rights, privileges and immunities,  
15 civil, political and religious guaranteed to the people of  
16 New Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo shall be  
17 preserved inviolate", providing powerful constitutional  
18 protection to the rights of the state's land grant  
19 communities; and

20 WHEREAS, while other states in the southwest had land  
21 grants, in no other state have land grants played such a  
22 significant role, and in no other state is land grant  
23 identity as strong as in New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico's land grant heirs have fought in  
25 every war for the United States since 1848, when the area

1 that is now New Mexico became part of the United States; and

2 WHEREAS, preservation of this history is in the best  
3 interest of the United States and of New Mexico and its  
4 residents, now and for the future, in order that this unique  
5 aspect of the history of the nation be remembered;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's congressional  
8 delegation be requested to pursue federal funding for a  
9 museum dedicated to the history of New Mexico's land grants;  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the town of Atrisco land  
12 grant be considered as the location for a state land grant  
13 museum, as it is both one of the most historic land grants in  
14 the state and it is centrally located, making such a museum  
15 easy to visit; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the members of New Mexico's congressional  
18 delegation. \_\_\_\_\_

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