

HOUSE BILL 457

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS; NAMING OIL AND GAS THE OFFICIAL  
STATE RESOURCE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 12-3-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1927,  
Chapter 102, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"12-3-4. STATE FLOWER--STATE BIRD--STATE TREE--STATE  
FISH--STATE ANIMAL--STATE VEGETABLES--STATE GEM--STATE GRASS--  
STATE FOSSIL--STATE COOKIE--STATE INSECT--STATE QUESTION--STATE  
ANSWER--STATE NICKNAME--STATE BUTTERFLY--STATE REPTILE--STATE  
AMPHIBIAN--STATE AIRCRAFT--STATE HISTORIC RAILROAD--STATE TIE--  
STATE NECKLACE--STATE RESOURCE---

A. The yucca flower is adopted as the official  
flower of New Mexico.

B. The chaparral bird, commonly called roadrunner,

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1 is adopted as the official bird of New Mexico.

2 C. The nut pine or pinon tree, scientifically known  
3 as *Pinus edulis*, is adopted as the official tree of New Mexico.

4 D. The native New Mexico cutthroat trout is adopted  
5 as the official fish of New Mexico.

6 E. The native New Mexico black bear is adopted as  
7 the official animal of New Mexico.

8 F. The chile, the Spanish adaptation of the chilli,  
9 and the pinto bean, commonly known as the frijol, are adopted  
10 as the official vegetables of New Mexico.

11 G. The turquoise is adopted as the official gem of  
12 New Mexico.

13 H. The blue grama grass, scientifically known as  
14 *Bouteloua gracillis*, is adopted as the official grass of New  
15 Mexico.

16 I. The *coelophysis* is adopted as the official  
17 fossil of New Mexico.

18 J. The bizcochito is adopted as the official cookie  
19 of New Mexico.

20 K. The tarantula hawk wasp, scientifically known as  
21 *Pepsis formosa*, is adopted as the official insect of New  
22 Mexico.

23 L. "Red or green?" is adopted as the official  
24 question of New Mexico.

25 M. "Red and green or Christmas" is adopted as the

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1 official answer of New Mexico.

2 N. "The Land of Enchantment" is adopted as the  
3 official nickname of New Mexico.

4 O. The Sandia hairstreak is adopted as the official  
5 butterfly of New Mexico.

6 P. The New Mexico whiptail lizard, scientifically  
7 known as Cnemidophorus neomexicanus, is adopted as the official  
8 reptile of New Mexico.

9 Q. The New Mexico spadefoot toad, scientifically  
10 known as Spea multiplicata, is adopted as the official  
11 amphibian of New Mexico.

12 R. The hot air balloon is adopted as the official  
13 aircraft of New Mexico.

14 S. The Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad is  
15 adopted as the official historic railroad of New Mexico.

16 T. The bolo tie is adopted as the official tie of  
17 New Mexico.

18 U. The Native American squash blossom necklace is  
19 adopted as the official necklace of New Mexico.

20 V. Oil and gas is adopted as the official resource  
21 of New Mexico."