

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12, 2016 "NEW MEXICO TRiO PROGRAMS DAY"
3 AT THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, 2016 is the fifty-first anniversary of the
6 nationwide, federal TRiO student support programs; and

7 WHEREAS, all TRiO programs are vested in the notion that
8 committed students deserve an opportunity to obtain higher
9 education without regard to race, gender, national origin or
10 disability status or their family's economic resources or
11 educational background; and

12 WHEREAS, seven TRiO programs are funded by the United
13 States department of education, including talent search,
14 upward bound, upward bound math-science, veterans upward
15 bound, student support services, educational opportunity
16 centers and the Ronald E. McNair postbaccalaureate program;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, more than one thousand two hundred colleges,
19 universities and community agencies in the country host more
20 than two thousand eight hundred TRiO programs, serving
21 approximately seven hundred eighty-seven thousand young
22 people and adults; and

23 WHEREAS, TRiO services include academic tutoring;
24 personal counseling; mentoring; personal and financial
25 counseling; career counseling; workplace and college visits;

1 assistance in applying for college; special instruction in
2 reading, writing, study skills and mathematics; assistance in
3 applying for financial aid; assistance to reenter high
4 school; and other supports to promote college access,
5 retention and graduation; and

6 WHEREAS, TRiO programs have been providing educational
7 support and increased access to higher education for
8 disadvantaged students for more than fifty years; and

9 WHEREAS, since 1965, an estimated two million two
10 hundred thousand students have graduated from college and
11 more than ten million five hundred thousand Americans from
12 poor and working-class families have benefited from the
13 services of TRiO pre-college and college programs; and

14 WHEREAS, in New Mexico, there are thirty-four TRiO
15 programs that bring in over nine million dollars (\$9,000,000)
16 in federal funding and serve more than ten thousand students;
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18 WHEREAS, the congress of the United States first enacted
19 National TRiO Day in 1986 to recognize the achievements of
20 all TRiO programs and their role in advancing equal
21 opportunity in post-secondary education; and

22 WHEREAS, New Mexico TRiO Programs Day is meant to
23 increase awareness and garner support for all TRiO programs,
24 TRiO students, college graduates, administrators, counselors
25 and state and federal supporters; and

1 WHEREAS, these successful federal programs work to help
2 low-income and first-generation students to enter college and
3 earn a college degree and should be expanded to serve more
4 Americans;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the TRiO
7 programs be recognized for the important role they have
8 played in encouraging and assisting students seeking higher
9 education; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 12, 2016 be
11 proclaimed "New Mexico TRiO Programs Day" in the house of
12 representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to Carol Hicks, TRiO New Mexico president, at New
15 Mexico state university.