## A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 6, 2017 "BERNALILLO COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county, located in central New Mexico, is rich in history and culture, stretching from the east mountain area of the Sandia mountains to the volcanic cliffs on the west mesa; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county was founded in 1852 as an agricultural community based on eight original land grants; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county's official seal depicts eight sheep representing the original land grants; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county designated the sheep "BernCo Bernie" as the official spokes-sheep for quality-of-life outreach initiatives in the county; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county is one of the smaller counties in New Mexico, consisting of one thousand one hundred sixty square miles and, at the same time, has the highest population with more than six hundred seventy-six thousand residents; and

WHEREAS, Bernalillo county government is an effective steward of county resources and a partner in creating a high quality of life for county residents, communities and businesses; and

| 1  | WHEREAS, Bernalillo county holds government                      |
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| 2  | accountability and transparency in high esteem and values        |
| 3  | good stewardship of taxpayer dollars; and                        |
| 4  | WHEREAS, Bernalillo county offers a community where the          |
| 5  | safety of its residents is a priority; and                       |
| 6  | WHEREAS, Bernalillo county offers public infrastructure,         |
| 7  | support systems and services to meet community needs; and        |
| 8  | WHEREAS, Bernalillo county strives for a community with          |
| 9  | physically healthy and active citizens; and                      |
| 10 | WHEREAS, Bernalillo county offers numerous services,             |
| 11 | outstanding parks, recreation and open-space facilities and      |
| 12 | is the steward of the cultural assets within its boundaries;     |
| 13 | and  |
| 14 | WHEREAS, Bernalillo county is a driver of economic               |
| 15 | development and land use and development in central New Mexico;  |
| 16 | and  |
| 17 | WHEREAS, since 2012, the Bernalillo county commission has        |
| 18 | supported forty-three projects that have created more than three |
| 19 | thousand two hundred new jobs and more than six hundred sixty-   |
| 20 | four million dollars (\$664,000,000) in new private investment   |
| 21 | activity; and  |
| 22 | WHEREAS, the state legislature has invested more than            |
| 23 | twenty-one million dollars (\$21,000,000) for infrastructure and |
| 24 | community building projects in Bernalillo county since 2012;     |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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| 1  | REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6, 2017        |
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| 2  | be declared "Bernalillo County Day" in the house of                     |
| 3  | representatives; and  |
| 4  | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bernalillo county be                        |
| 5  | recognized as a major economic and cultural crossroads in the           |
| 6  | southwest; and  |
| 7  | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be                  |
| 8  | transmitted to the chair of the Bernalillo county commission. $_{ m H}$ |
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