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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2018 "PUBLIC LANDS DAY" AT THE
LEGISLATURE TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO
THE RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO THROUGH PUBLIC LANDS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico contains a variety of national public
lands, including national parks, monuments and preserves;
national forests and rangelands; wildlife refuges; wilderness
areas; and other public lands; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands reflect many noble
democratic ideals because public lands are open and accessible
to everyone, no matter their place of residence, their race or
their ethnicity or whether they are rich or poor; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands are defining features
of the state and enrich the state's quality of life by
supporting the vitality of communities and core cultural land

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use values representing all New Mexicans' common heritage; and

  WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands feature an amazingly
diverse range of landscapes, from the snow-capped peaks of the
Rocky mountains to rushing rivers, rock canyons, grassy plains,
desert landscapes and tree-lined mountain valleys; and

  WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands provide many benefits
to residents and visitors and support a wide variety of
activities, from recreational pursuits to natural resource
development and uses; and

  WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands have a substantial
impact on economic development and jobs through mineral
extraction, timber sales, ranching, tourism and outdoor
recreational industries; and

  WHEREAS, New Mexico's public lands contribute to the
state's clean air and clean water and are a vital repository of
precious and limited water sources; and

  WHEREAS, the resources of these public lands, including
water, minerals, grass for livestock, timber and the native
fish and wildlife that depend on these lands, belong equally to
all Americans and the sovereign nations that reside upon these
lands; and

  WHEREAS, New Mexicans of all races, ethnicities,
occupations and lifestyles continue to derive multiple benefits
from the traditional, long-standing multiple-use management
philosophy of public lands under the stewardship of the United
States forest service and the federal bureau of land
management; and

WHEREAS, these practices reflect the public support for
policies incorporating a judicious balance between aesthetic,
recreational and economic values; and

WHEREAS, the prudent stewardship, conservation and
tempered use of all public natural resources are worthy goals
of all governing bodies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public lands of New Mexico be
honored by all New Mexicans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 2, 2018 be declared
"Public Lands Day" at the legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the commissioner of public lands, the New Mexico
state director of the federal bureau of land management and the
regional forester of the southwestern regional office of the
United States forest service.

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