

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2019 "CITY OF LAS VEGAS, SAN MIGUEL  
3 COUNTY, VILLAGE OF PECOS AND MORA COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE  
4 AND RECOGNIZING THE COLLABORATION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS,  
5 SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, THE VILLAGE OF PECOS AND MORA COUNTY AS  
6 "UNITY BUILDS COMMUNITY".

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8 WHEREAS, Las Vegas was founded in 1835 as a Spanish land  
9 grant called Nuestra Senora de Los Dolores de Las Vegas  
10 Grandes; and

11 WHEREAS, the Spanish settlers that founded the community  
12 had roots going back to the seventeenth century; and

13 WHEREAS, the village of Pecos in San Miguel county has  
14 long been an attractive destination, from the days of early  
15 trading routes on the Santa Fe trail through Spanish  
16 settlement, railroad tourism, mining, ranching and becoming a  
17 route 66 attraction along the beautiful Pecos river valley;  
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19 WHEREAS, the town of Mora in Mora county, in an area  
20 also known as the Mora valley, which was founded by a land  
21 grant at the foot of the majestic Sangre de Cristo mountains,  
22 contains one thousand nine hundred thirty-four square miles  
23 of lands with diverse uses, including ranching and farming,  
24 and conveys a vital and well-preserved sense of place; and

25 WHEREAS, the acequias in Las Vegas and within San Miguel

1 county, the village of Pecos and Mora county are a testament  
2 to multiple generations of strenuous labor expended in  
3 farming and irrigating the land and incorporating the family  
4 values and traditions of being responsible stewards of the  
5 land; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas and San Miguel county,  
7 the village of Pecos and Mora county are unmatched as  
8 inviting and incredible tourist destinations with historical  
9 sites, outdoor recreation, diverse multicultural populations,  
10 farming and ranching, a small business economy and a unique  
11 sense of place with a quality of life driven by nature; and

12 WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas, San Miguel county, the  
13 village of Pecos and Mora county are home to many critical  
14 institutions, including New Mexico highlands university, Luna  
15 community college, United World college, the New Mexico  
16 behavioral health institute at Las Vegas, the Mora national  
17 fish hatchery, New Mexico state university, the John T.  
18 Harrington forestry research center, the Pecos valley medical  
19 center, the Lisboa springs fish hatchery, the San Miguel  
20 county senior citizens centers, Mora valley community health  
21 services, the Wagon Mound senior center, public and private  
22 schools, small businesses and other institutions serving as  
23 the economic base for northeast New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, the city of Las Vegas, San Miguel county, the  
25 village of Pecos and Mora county are committed to the

1 collaboration of a growing film industry and support of small  
2 business development, highlighting the skills and talents of  
3 residents to produce economic development and growth within  
4 the northeastern part of New Mexico;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the distinguished history and  
7 heritage of the city of Las Vegas, San Miguel county, the  
8 village of Pecos and Mora county be recognized and that  
9 February 28, 2019 be declared "City of Las Vegas, San Miguel  
10 County, Village of Pecos and Mora County Day" in the senate;  
11 and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaboration of these  
13 communities be recognized as "unity builds community"; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that support from the state's  
15 governing bodies recognize these communities as areas of  
16 small business, education, tourism, outdoor attractions,  
17 farming, ranching, medical and behavioral health, film, water  
18 and acequias, in continuing efforts to promote the people and  
19 attractions, and to create jobs and sustainability, in  
20 northern New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the mayor and city councilors of the city of  
23 Las Vegas, the San Miguel county manager and county  
24 commissioners, the village of Pecos mayor and board of  
25 trustees and the Mora county manager and county

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