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54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2019 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE
LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching
and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Native American and
Anglo cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days of
sunshine per year, vast mountain landscapes and small-town
atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the vast Gila
wilderness; and

WHEREAS, Silver City will celebrate one hundred forty-one
years as Grant county's largest city and county seat in 2019;
and

WHEREAS, Silver City is the only municipality in New
Mexico still operating under the territorial charter issued by

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1 the legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in
2 1878; and

3 WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining in
4 New Mexico and home to more restaurants than fast food
5 establishments; and

6 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico
7 university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-sixth
8 anniversary in 2019, and the world's foremost collections of
9 ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the western New Mexico
10 university museum; and

11 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history
12 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache
13 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman Dan
14 Tucker; and

15 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of the
16 one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry
17 established Fort Bayard; and

18 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many
19 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast
20 artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan
21 death march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

22 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide
23 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven
24 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as uninterrupted
25 views of the Mexican border to the south; and

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1 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,
2 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts
3 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use
4 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway; and

5 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,
6 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the
7 written word and the Southwest print fiesta; and

8 WHEREAS, Grant county prospectors have celebrated "Grant
9 County Day" in Santa Fe for over forty years; and

10 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor Howie
11 Morales of Grant county and wishes him success in his new
12 position;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 30, 2019 be proclaimed "Grant
15 County Day" in the legislature; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and great
17 places of Grant county be recognized; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the members of the board of county commissioners
20 of Grant county.