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SENATE MEMORIAL 45

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

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 21, 2019 "MCKINLEY COUNTY AND GALLUP DAY"  
IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup are the  
northwestern gateway to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county and the city of Gallup reflect  
the rich cultural, recreational and economic diversity of New  
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county has the greatest number of Native  
American residents of any New Mexico county and is the home of  
members of the Navajo Nation and the Pueblo of Zuni and of one  
of the largest gatherings of Native Americans, the annual  
intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county is the home of Red Rock park; and

WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental

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1 divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and  
2 Atlantic oceans; and

3 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a historic downtown and is  
4 recognized as both a New Mexico mainstreet and an arts and  
5 cultural district; and

6 WHEREAS, McKinley county hosted the twenty-four-hour  
7 national mountain bicycling championships and boosts usage and  
8 awareness of the Zuni mountains trail system, the jewel of the  
9 southwest; and

10 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is known as the adventure  
11 capital of New Mexico and is recognized as the most patriotic  
12 small town in America; and

13 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce for  
14 members of the Navajo Nation and has been a corridor for cross-  
15 country rail traffic since the nineteenth century;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
17 OF NEW MEXICO that February 21, 2019 be designated "McKinley  
18 County and Gallup Day" in the senate to honor and showcase the  
19 many facets of McKinley county and of the city of Gallup; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of McKinley  
22 county and to the mayor and city council of the city of Gallup.