

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 20, 2022 "NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY  
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has been an  
6 important educational, cultural, social and economic asset in  
7 New Mexico, particularly northern New Mexico, since 1893; and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university serves nearly  
9 three thousand students each year and has over five hundred  
10 employees at the school's main campus and centers; and

11 WHEREAS, the vision of New Mexico highlands university  
12 is to be a premier university, transforming lives and  
13 communities now and for generations to come; and

14 WHEREAS, the core values of New Mexico highlands  
15 university are excellence, diversity, accessibility and  
16 responsiveness; and

17 WHEREAS, the priorities of New Mexico highlands  
18 university are academic excellence, academic integration and  
19 student success; strategic enrollment management; vibrant  
20 campus and university life; community partnerships;  
21 technological advancement and innovation; and enhanced  
22 communication and efficiency across the university; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university effectively  
24 serves students across the state and beyond its borders,  
25 online and on its campuses and centers in Las Vegas, Santa

1 Fe, Farmington, Rio Rancho, Albuquerque and Roswell; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university has many active  
3 alumni, representing every state, nineteen Indian nations,  
4 tribes and pueblos and many countries, and seeks to  
5 effectively reach out to all alumni through the establishment  
6 of a vibrant alumni association board of directors while  
7 offering engaging events for alumni and community members;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university was named one  
10 of the most diverse regional universities in the western  
11 United States by *U.S. News & World Report*; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is partnering  
13 with New Mexico state university, eastern New Mexico  
14 university and the developmental disabilities council in  
15 designing an adult guardianship court visitor program to  
16 support the New Mexico court system and to enhance the  
17 training and professional development of students in social  
18 work; and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university had an  
20 unprecedented grant year with over thirteen million dollars  
21 (\$13,000,000) awarded and continues to navigate the  
22 unchartered waters of the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic,  
23 providing over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in emergency  
24 financial assistance to students through the foundation and  
25 university, over and above federally funded coronavirus

1 disease 2019 pandemic assistance; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university acquired a New  
3 Mexico governor's emergency education relief fund grant to  
4 support students and fund purchases resulting from the  
5 coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university developed three  
7 new degree programs: a master of arts in criminology, a  
8 master of arts in cultural resource management and a bachelor  
9 of science degree in wildlife biology and conservation;  
10 acquired a three-million-eight-hundred-thousand-dollar  
11 (\$3,800,000) five-year grant from the national science  
12 foundation to support science, technology, engineering and  
13 mathematics students in a partnership with the university of  
14 California, Santa Barbara; received seven hundred thousand  
15 dollars (\$700,000) for two United States department of  
16 agriculture projects to support technology and connectivity  
17 to New Mexico highlands university in the Mora community; and  
18 supported high school and community college students with  
19 science, technology, engineering and mathematics summer  
20 programming at the Rio Mora wildlife refuge; and

21 WHEREAS, only three out of twelve athletic teams have  
22 been able to compete during the coronavirus disease 2019  
23 pandemic, while one hundred thirty-two New Mexico highlands  
24 university athletes earned a cumulative three-point-zero  
25 grade point average or higher; eighty-one athletes earned a

1 cumulative three and five-tenths grade point average or  
2 higher; twenty-one athletes earned a four-point-zero grade  
3 point average; nine athletes were recognized as all Rocky  
4 Mountain athletic conference performers; twenty-one athletes  
5 were recognized as Rocky Mountain athletic conference  
6 academic performers; one athlete was a gold glove recipient;  
7 three Rocky Mountain athletic conference champions were  
8 recognized in women's track; and student athletes contributed  
9 over two thousand hours of community service; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university established the  
11 general store to address the basic needs and food  
12 insecurities of students; implemented the engage@hu  
13 co-curricular transcript system and created multiple guided  
14 pathways; partnered with El Centro family health to continue  
15 access to medical and behavioral health care through  
16 telehealth services for all students; renovated Connor hall  
17 and the natatorium; and increased access to coronavirus  
18 disease 2019 testing for the community by establishing a  
19 testing site on campus; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university is a federally  
21 designated Hispanic-serving institution, with Hispanic  
22 students comprising more than fifty percent of enrollment,  
23 and strives to be a Native American-serving institution, with  
24 Native American students comprising nearly nine percent of  
25 enrollment; and

1           WHEREAS, New Mexico highlands university welcomes  
2 students from northern New Mexico, all of New Mexico, the  
3 United States and the world;

4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 20,  
6 2022 be declared "New Mexico Highlands University Day" in the  
7 house of representatives; and

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico highlands  
9 university be commended for its service and dedication to the  
10 residents of New Mexico; and

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the president of New Mexico highlands  
13 university.

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