

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 1, 2023 THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL "GRANT  
3 COUNTY DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

12 WHEREAS, Grant county's largest city and county seat,  
13 Silver City, is the only municipality in New Mexico still  
14 operating under the territorial charter issued by the  
15 legislative assembly of the territory of New Mexico in 1878;  
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17 WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining  
18 in New Mexico, producing numerous precious metals, including  
19 copper, an essential element of green energy and electric  
20 vehicles; and

21 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico  
22 university, established in 1893, the state's only liberal  
23 arts and sciences university as designated by the  
24 legislature; and

25 WHEREAS, the western New Mexico university museum has

1 the world's foremost collection of ancient Mimbres pottery;  
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3 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history  
4 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache  
5 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid, lawman Dan  
6 Tucker and madam Millie; and

7 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of  
8 the one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry  
9 regiment, known as the buffalo soldiers, was established at  
10 Fort Bayard; and

11 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many  
12 veterans, and Grant county shares New Mexico's heavy burden  
13 of the members of New Mexico's two-hundredth coast artillery  
14 regiment, many of whom were subjected to the Bataan death  
15 march, including the late Representative Tom Foy; and

16 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide  
17 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven  
18 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as  
19 uninterrupted views of the Mexican border to the south; and

20 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,  
21 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts  
22 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use  
23 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university's early childhood

1 programs were designated as the New Mexico center for  
2 excellence for early childhood education during the 2022  
3 legislative session; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Grant county recognizes Lieutenant Governor  
8 Howie Morales of Grant county;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 1,  
11 2023 be proclaimed the forty-seventh annual "Grant County  
12 Day" in the house of representatives; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to members of the board of county commissioners of  
15 Grant county.

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