

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 17, 2023 "SANTA FE SCOTTISH RITE MASONIC
3 CENTER DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the Scottish rite of freemasonry in New Mexico
6 first met in Santa Fe in 1882; and

7 WHEREAS, the Scottish rite in Santa Fe was incorporated
8 in November 1908 and began to plan for the construction of
9 the present-day site at Washington avenue and paseo de
10 Peralta using Moorish revival style architecture, the
11 cornerstone for which was laid on August 24, 1911; and

12 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Scottish rite masonic center,
13 completed in 1912, is a historic landmark and the home of the
14 ancient and accepted Scottish rite of freemasonry in New
15 Mexico; and

16 WHEREAS, the building, including its jewel box theater
17 with original scenery collection and its artifacts,
18 represents a time capsule of masonic culture and theatrical
19 history; and

20 WHEREAS, Santa Fe Scottish rite masons have contributed
21 to the development of New Mexico from territorial days
22 through the state constitutional convention and continuing on
23 to the present day, with leaders in civic, religious and
24 business service; and

25 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Scottish rite masonic center has

1 been in continuous use for more than one hundred ten years,
2 providing education for masonic leaders, a location for a
3 growing number of movie productions and a venue for plays,
4 concerts, lectures, weddings and memorial services and
5 especially for youth and education programs;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 17,
8 2023 be designated "Santa Fe Scottish Rite Masonic Center
9 Day" in the house of representatives; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the residents of New Mexico
11 be asked to join the Scottish rite masons in observing the
12 organization's one hundred ten years of service and the
13 outstanding contributions Scottish rite masons have made to
14 the United States; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the sovereign grand inspector general of the
17 supreme council in New Mexico and the sovereign grand
18 commander of the ancient and accepted Scottish rite, southern
19 jurisdiction. _____

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