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**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 6, 2023 THE "NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW DEAL DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2023, the nation will celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of the inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt as the thirty-second president; and

WHEREAS, on the day following his inauguration, President Roosevelt announced the first of many measures that came to be called the new deal; and

WHEREAS, the new deal was a series of programs and projects instituted during the great depression by President Roosevelt that aimed to restore prosperity to Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Roosevelt and various cabinet secretaries immediately created a vast number of employment programs that would put thousands of destitute Americans back

1 to work after having been severely challenged economically by  
2 the stock market crash of 1929 and during the following years  
3 of the great depression; and

4 WHEREAS, over the next eight years, the government  
5 instituted a series of experimental new deal projects and  
6 programs, such as the civilian conservation corps, the works  
7 progress administration, the Tennessee valley authority and the  
8 securities and exchange commission, among others; and

9 WHEREAS, President Roosevelt's new deal fundamentally  
10 changed the United States government by expanding its size and  
11 scope, especially its role in the economy; and

12 WHEREAS, many of the accomplishments of these programs are  
13 still with the nation and New Mexico today, including:

14 A. improvements in banking systems nationwide;

15 B. the planting of thousands of trees across the  
16 nation and New Mexico to protect the remaining land that had  
17 not blown away during the vast depression-era dust storms;

18 C. the development of a new economic program  
19 nationwide, social security, which was promoted by Frances  
20 Perkins, President Roosevelt's secretary of labor and the  
21 nation's first woman to serve as a cabinet secretary;

22 D. the creation of ninety-seven new towns  
23 nationwide, including Bosque Farms;

24 E. structural improvements in New Mexico's national  
25 parks, as well as the creation of many state, county and city

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1 parks nationwide;

2 F. the creation of many New Mexico state, county  
3 and city buildings, universities, local schools and post  
4 offices, many showcasing beautiful murals and paintings that  
5 featured scenes typical of that portion of New Mexico;

6 G. new highways, roads, water and sewer lines,  
7 electrical systems, airports and hospitals, including the  
8 Carrie Tingley crippled children's hospital in Truth or  
9 Consequences, which is now the New Mexico state veterans' home;  
10 and

11 H. the rural electrification administration, a  
12 program that brought electricity to rural areas; and

13 WHEREAS, this monumental period of American history  
14 deserves acknowledgment and to be honored for the numerous  
15 accomplishments that are still a major part of the lives of New  
16 Mexicans;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 6, 2023  
19 be declared the "Ninetieth Anniversary of the New Deal Day" in  
20 the house of representatives; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the New Mexico chapter of the national new deal  
23 preservation association.