

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 24, 2024 "GALLUP/MCKINLEY COUNTY DAY" IN  
3 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, last year, Gallup hosted the one hundred first  
16 annual intertribal Indian ceremonial; and

17 WHEREAS, McKinley county incorporates the continental  
18 divide, which separates the watersheds of the Pacific and  
19 Atlantic oceans; and

20 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup has a historic downtown and  
21 is recognized as both a New Mexico mainstreet and an arts and  
22 cultural district; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2011, the legislature declared the city of  
24 Gallup to be the adventure capital of New Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, McKinley county boasts world-renowned adventure

1 venues and trails, including the Zuni mountain trail system,  
2 the jewel of the southwest; and

3 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is recognized as the most  
4 patriotic small town in America and is home to a state-  
5 national veterans cemetery; and

6 WHEREAS, the city of Gallup is a center of commerce and,  
7 since the nineteenth century, has been recognized by the BNSF  
8 railway as a heritage community for its importance along its  
9 transcontinental rail line; and

10 WHEREAS, McKinley county is home to Gallup energy  
11 logistics park, one of only a handful of BNSF-certified sites  
12 for economic development located in an internal-revenue-  
13 service-designated opportunity zone;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 24,  
16 2024 be designated "Gallup/McKinley County Day" in the house  
17 of representatives to honor and showcase the many facets of  
18 the city of Gallup and McKinley county; and

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

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