

SENATE BILL 498

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE SYMBOLS; DECLARING LOWRIDERS THE OFFICIAL
STATE VEHICLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 12-3-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1927,
Chapter 102, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"12-3-4. STATE FLOWER--STATE BIRD--STATE TREE--STATE
FISH--STATE ANIMAL--STATE VEGETABLES--STATE GEM--STATE GRASS--
STATE FOSSIL--STATE COOKIE--STATE INSECT--STATE QUESTION--STATE
ANSWER--STATE NICKNAME--STATE BUTTERFLY--STATE REPTILE--STATE
AMPHIBIAN--STATE AIRCRAFT--STATE HISTORIC RAILROAD--STATE TIE--
STATE NECKLACE--STATE AROMA--STATE VEHICLE.--

A. The yucca flower is adopted as the official
flower of New Mexico.

B. The chaparral bird, commonly called roadrunner,

1 is adopted as the official bird of New Mexico.

2 C. The nut pine or pinon tree, scientifically known
3 as *Pinus edulis*, is adopted as the official tree of New Mexico.

4 D. The native New Mexico cutthroat trout is adopted
5 as the official fish of New Mexico.

6 E. The native New Mexico black bear is adopted as
7 the official animal of New Mexico.

8 F. The chile, the Spanish adaptation of the chilli,
9 and the pinto bean, commonly known as the frijol, are adopted
10 as the official vegetables of New Mexico.

11 G. The turquoise is adopted as the official gem of
12 New Mexico.

13 H. The blue grama grass, scientifically known as
14 *Bouteloua gracillis*, is adopted as the official grass of New
15 Mexico.

16 I. The *coelophysis* is adopted as the official
17 fossil of New Mexico.

18 J. The bizcochito is adopted as the official cookie
19 of New Mexico.

20 K. The tarantula hawk wasp, scientifically known as
21 *Pepsis formosa*, is adopted as the official insect of New
22 Mexico.

23 L. "Red or green?" is adopted as the official
24 question of New Mexico.

25 M. "Red and green or Christmas" is adopted as the
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1 official answer of New Mexico.

2 N. "The Land of Enchantment" is adopted as the
3 official nickname of New Mexico.

4 O. The Sandia hairstreak is adopted as the official
5 butterfly of New Mexico.

6 P. The New Mexico whiptail lizard, scientifically
7 known as *Cnemidophorus neomexicanus*, is adopted as the official
8 reptile of New Mexico.

9 Q. The New Mexico spadefoot toad, scientifically
10 known as *Spea multiplicata*, is adopted as the official
11 amphibian of New Mexico.

12 R. The hot air balloon is adopted as the official
13 aircraft of New Mexico.

14 S. The Cumbres and Toltec scenic railroad is
15 adopted as the official historic railroad of New Mexico.

16 T. The bolo tie is adopted as the official tie of
17 New Mexico.

18 U. The Native American squash blossom necklace is
19 adopted as the official necklace of New Mexico.

20 V. The aroma of green chile roasting is adopted as
21 the official aroma of New Mexico.

22 W. The lowrider is adopted as the official vehicle
23 of New Mexico."