

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 21, 2026 "MEXICO-NEW MEXICO ADVOCACY DAY"  
3 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CELEBRATION OF THE STRONG  
4 PARTNERSHIP AND SHARED INTERESTS IN CULTURE, THE ARTS AND  
5 ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BETWEEN MEXICO AND NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico shares with Mexico not only a border  
8 but profound values and strong economic, cultural and social  
9 ties; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2020, New Mexico was the state with the  
11 highest percentage of Hispanic or Latino population at  
12 approximately forty-eight percent; in 2022, New Mexico had  
13 the highest share of eligible Latino voters at forty-five  
14 percent; and in 2020, the New Mexico legislature had the  
15 highest percentage of Hispanic or Latino representation of  
16 all legislatures in the nation at thirty-five percent; and

17 WHEREAS, the influence of Mexican heritage in New Mexico  
18 is one of the richest and most profound in the United States  
19 and has played an important role in the culture, the arts,  
20 the gastronomy and the quotidian life of New Mexicans; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2024, Mexico was New Mexico's number one  
22 trading partner, as New Mexico exported seven billion dollars  
23 (\$7,000,000,000) in goods to Mexico, representing  
24 approximately fifty-eight percent of New Mexico's total goods  
25 exports; and

1           WHEREAS, trade with Mexico supports more than five  
2 million jobs in the United States and nearly thirty thousand  
3 jobs in New Mexico; and

4           WHEREAS, the Santa Teresa border is one of the top  
5 commercial ports between Mexico and New Mexico, reaching more  
6 than thirty-one billion dollars (\$31,000,000,000) in trade  
7 annually; and

8           WHEREAS, Mexican and Mexican-origin nationals living in  
9 New Mexico contribute to the economy, the culture and the  
10 society by innovating, starting businesses, creating cultural  
11 expressions and promoting economic competition while  
12 continuously improving the societies in New Mexico and  
13 Mexico; and

14           WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque  
15 offers a hotline that operates twenty-four hours per day,  
16 seven days per week for assistance to Mexican nationals in  
17 New Mexico and coordinates various efforts directed to the  
18 statewide immigrant community; and

19           WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque  
20 constitutes a major partner for local entities wanting to  
21 connect to Mexico, such as chambers of commerce, businesses,  
22 government and other key stakeholders; and

23           WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque  
24 maintains daily communication with law enforcement agencies  
25 in New Mexico, collaborates significantly in several programs

1 intended to combat sex and labor trafficking of persons and  
2 supports other programs aimed at combating domestic violence  
3 and other crimes to create safer communities; and

4 WHEREAS, as an acknowledgment of the importance of the  
5 Mexico-New Mexico relationship, the house of representatives  
6 and the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque recognize the  
7 importance of establishing a forum where political, business  
8 and academic actors from both governments may highlight  
9 topics of interest in the bilateral relationship and present  
10 recommendations for public policy development; and

11 WHEREAS, topics of discussion for such a forum may  
12 include issues impacting the Mexico-New Mexico region, from  
13 education and public health to cross-border development; and

14 WHEREAS, the flow of goods and people across the border  
15 is critical to the state's success, and discussions that  
16 improve bilateral cooperation will bolster economic growth  
17 and prosperity;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the house of  
20 representatives express support for the establishment of  
21 Mexico-New Mexico Advocacy Day; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 21, 2026 be declared  
23 "Mexico-New Mexico Advocacy Day" in the house of  
24 representatives in celebration of the critical partnership  
25 and shared interests in culture, the arts and economic

1 prosperity between Mexico and New Mexico; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives  
3 recognize that January 21, 2026 is the inaugural celebration  
4 of Mexico-New Mexico Advocacy Day and hope this commemorative  
5 day will become an annual event; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the Mexican consulate in Albuquerque, the  
8 governor and the speaker of the house of representatives.=====

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