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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 28, 2026 "NEW MEXICO NATIONAL
BOARD-CERTIFIED TEACHERS RECOGNITION DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher
network was first established twenty-five years ago, in 2001,
in order to promote national board certification for New
Mexico teachers and promote accomplished teaching throughout
New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico national board certified teacher
network advocates for leadership opportunities for national
board-certified teachers; educates teachers about the
national board's body of knowledge teaching practices;
supports candidates through the national board for
professional teaching standards certification process;
celebrates achievement; offers opportunities to all
constituent groups; and supports and recognizes all national
board-certified teachers in all school districts in the state
and in the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, national board-certified teachers are
recognized as being among the best teachers in the
profession, and studies show that these teachers remain in
the profession at much higher rates than those who are not
national board certified; and

1 WHEREAS, studies also show that students of national
2 board-certified teachers learn more than students taught by
3 other teachers and learn the equivalent of several additional
4 weeks or months of instruction in math and language arts and
5 that national board-certified teachers have an even greater
6 impact on minority and low-income students; and

7 WHEREAS, national board certification is a rigorous
8 process that can take three to five years to achieve, and
9 applicants must demonstrate competency across three different
10 performance-based domains along with a written test of
11 content and pedagogical knowledge; and

12 WHEREAS, as of 2024, New Mexico had one thousand six
13 hundred twelve national board-certified teachers who have
14 been certified since 1995 across school districts, bureau of
15 Indian education schools and charter schools, with many
16 national board-certified teachers serving in Title I schools,
17 and has four hundred fifty-one national board-certified
18 teachers of color and five hundred ninety-six national board-
19 certified teachers in science, technology, engineering and
20 mathematics areas; and

21 WHEREAS, New Mexico has seen a continued interest and
22 growth in national board certification, and as of January
23 2025, New Mexico is ranked eighth in the nation for the
24 percentage of educators who are national board-certified
25 teachers with active certifications;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
3 achievements and contributions of all national board-certified
4 teachers in the learning and growth of New Mexico students be
5 recognized by proclaiming January 28, 2026 "New Mexico
6 National Board-Certified Teachers Recognition Day" in the
7 house of representatives. _____

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