

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2026 "MEXICAN AMERICAN CHICANO HERITAGE
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe
6 Hidalgo was signed, marking a pivotal moment in the shared
7 history of the United States and Mexico and reshaping the
8 cultural and geographic landscape of North America; and

9 WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ceded to the
10 United States the lands that make up most of today's American
11 southwest and granted United States citizenship to Mexican
12 citizens living in that territory, thus creating a new ethnic
13 identity, Mexican Americans; and

14 WHEREAS, Mexican Americans are the largest indigenous
15 ethnic group in the United States, representing nearly forty
16 million people who acknowledge their historical and cultural
17 roots with the Mexican people, separated only by an
18 artificial border; and

19 WHEREAS, February 2, 1848 is a date that symbolizes the
20 birth of a new identity for Mexican Americans, including the
21 activist movement known in art, literature, politics and
22 culture as the Chicano movement, whose legacy lies in a
23 determination to preserve the culture, language, traditional
24 values and honor of a people who have survived and thrived
25 despite marginalization and discrimination; and

1 WHEREAS, the date of the signing of the Treaty of
2 Guadalupe Hidalgo honors the vital roles Mexican Americans
3 and the Chicano movement have carried out in building and
4 strengthening the fabric of the United States by reshaping
5 politics, the economy and society; creating new art forms in
6 visual arts, music and literature; serving in the defense of
7 the nation in times of war; and advocating for civil rights
8 and labor reforms;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
10 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2,
11 2026 be declared "Mexican American Chicano Heritage Day" in
12 the house of representatives in recognition of the diverse
13 history, culture and heritage of New Mexico's Mexican
14 American and Chicano communities; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the observance of Mexican
16 American Chicano Heritage Day be an occasion to foster unity
17 in a diverse nation and promote a greater understanding of
18 the Chicano movement in New Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the governor and members of the legislature.

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