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## A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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1           WHEREAS, the influence of Mexican heritage in New Mexico  
2 is one of the richest and most profound in the United States  
3 and has played an important role in the culture, the arts, the  
4 gastronomy and the quotidian life of New Mexicans; and

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

9           WHEREAS, trade with Mexico supports more than five million  
10 jobs in the United States and nearly thirty thousand jobs in  
11 New Mexico; and

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

16           WHEREAS, Mexican and Mexican-origin nationals living in  
17 New Mexico contribute to the economy, the culture and the  
18 society by innovating, starting businesses, creating cultural  
19 expressions and promoting economic competition while  
20 continuously improving the societies in New Mexico and Mexico;  
21 and

22           WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque offers  
23 a hotline that operates twenty-four hours per day, seven days  
24 per week for assistance to Mexican nationals in New Mexico and  
25 coordinates various efforts directed to the statewide immigrant

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1       community; and

2           WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque  
3       constitutes a major partner for local entities wanting to  
4       connect to Mexico, such as chambers of commerce, businesses,  
5       government and other key stakeholders; and

6           WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque  
7       maintains daily communication with law enforcement agencies in  
8       New Mexico, collaborates significantly in several programs  
9       intended to combat sex and labor trafficking of persons and  
10       supports other programs aimed at combating domestic violence  
11       and other crimes to create safer communities; and

12           WHEREAS, as an acknowledgment of the importance of the  
13       Mexico-New Mexico relationship, the house of representatives  
14       and the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque recognize the  
15       importance of establishing a forum where political, business  
16       and academic actors from both governments may highlight topics  
17       of interest in the bilateral relationship and present  
18       recommendations for public policy development; and

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

22           WHEREAS, the flow of goods and people across the border is  
23       critical to the state's success, and discussions that improve  
24       bilateral cooperation will bolster economic growth and  
25       prosperity;

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

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

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

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

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