

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 23, 2014 TO BE "COLONIAS DAY AT THE
3 LEGISLATURE" AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND HER CABINET TO
4 ASSIST LOCAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN
5 NEW MEXICO BY ADDING RURAL COMMUNITIES AND COLONIAS TO THE
6 STATE'S PRIORITY ACTION LIST OF PROGRAMS.

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8 WHEREAS, residents of rural and colonias communities
9 statewide face harsh challenges on a daily basis, but they
10 are proud people who are reluctant to ask for help; and

11 WHEREAS, individual counties continue to undertake
12 independent and ambitious infrastructure improvement plans
13 designed to enhance social and economic development
14 opportunities for all residents of New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, by initiating a statewide improvement program
16 for rural and colonias communities, the state could partner
17 with the thirty-three counties to empower these small
18 communities and dramatically improve the quality of life in
19 them, while simultaneously creating new entrepreneurial zones
20 that will complement existing projects in incorporated
21 municipalities;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 23, 2014 be recognized as
24 "Colonias Day at the Legislature"; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Martinez and her

1 cabinet be requested to work with the board of directors of
2 the New Mexico association of counties to assist local
3 efforts to improve the quality of life in the state and to
4 add improvements for rural communities and colonias to the
5 state's priority action list of programs for legislative
6 funding; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the governor and to the board of directors of
9 the New Mexico association of counties. _____

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