

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 118

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 DECLARING MARCH 18, 2015 "ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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13 WHEREAS, Espanola valley lies along the Rio Grande within  
14 the historic counties of Rio Arriba and Santa Fe; and

15 WHEREAS, Espanola valley encompasses the centuries-old  
16 Pueblo of Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh, whose people nurtured  
17 the land long before the arrival of European settlers; and

18 WHEREAS, 1998 marked the quatercentenary of colonial  
19 Hispanic influence in northern New Mexico and in the Espanola  
20 valley; and

21 WHEREAS, the founding in 1598 of San Gabriel, the first  
22 capitol, was at Yungue, near the confluence of what would be  
23 known as the Chama river and the Rio Grande; and

24 WHEREAS, the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico was  
25 established at the end of the camino real trade route

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1 traversing the route from Mexico to Ohkay Owingeh; and

2 WHEREAS, the original Espanola valley consisted of five  
3 communities, Santa Cruz de la Canada, Santo Nino, San Pedro, La  
4 Vega de Los Vigil and Corral de Pierda, and a small area called  
5 Curuco; and

6 WHEREAS, cultural diversity is honored and supported in  
7 New Mexico, where the strong roots of Hispanic and Native  
8 American culture make up the rich tapestry of traditions found  
9 throughout the state today; and

10 WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the counties of Rio  
11 Arriba and Santa Fe represent significant contributions made to  
12 the cultural, linguistic and religious diversity of this part  
13 of the United States;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
15 OF NEW MEXICO that March 18, 2015 be designated "Espanola  
16 Valley Day" in the senate, honoring the Espanola valley for its  
17 rich multicultural heritage and long-standing traditions; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the mayor and councilors of the city of  
20 Espanola; the mayor and councilors of the city of Santa Fe; the  
21 chair of the Espanola county commission; the chair of the Santa  
22 Fe county commission; the managers of Rio Arriba and Santa Fe  
23 counties; and the governors of the Pueblo of Santa Clara and  
24 Ohkay Owingeh.