

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2017 "REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVES
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

4
5 WHEREAS, in 1984, the New Mexico state board of
6 education established regional center cooperatives; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1993, the state legislature created regional
8 education cooperatives as state agencies administratively
9 attached to the public education department; and

10 WHEREAS, there are nine regional education cooperatives
11 geographically located throughout New Mexico to serve sixty-
12 three of the state's eighty-nine school districts; and

13 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number two,
14 northwest, covers the districts of Chama, Cuba, Dulce, Mesa
15 Vista, Penasco and Questa; and

16 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number three,
17 high plains, covers the districts of Cimarron, Clayton, Des
18 Moines, Maxwell, Mosquero, Raton, Roy and Springer; and

19 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number four,
20 northeast, covers the districts of Las Vegas city, Las Vegas
21 west, Mora, Pecos, Santa Rosa and Wagon Mound; and

22 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number five,
23 central, covers the districts of Estancia, Magdalena,
24 Mountainair, Quemado, Vaughn and Jemez valley and state-
25 supported schools in the department of justice, the

1 corrections department and the department of health; and

2 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number six
3 covers the districts of Dora, Elida, Floyd, Fort Sumner,
4 Grady, House, Logan, Melrose, San Jon and Texico; and

5 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number seven
6 covers the districts of Eunice, Hobbs, Jal and Tatum; and

7 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number eight,
8 Pecos valley, covers the districts of Dexter, Hagerman, Lake
9 Arthur and Loving; and

10 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number nine
11 covers the districts of Capitan, Carrizozo, Cloudcroft,
12 Corona, Hondo, Ruidoso and Tularosa; and

13 WHEREAS, regional education cooperative number ten,
14 southwest, covers the districts of Animas, Deming, Hatch
15 valley, Lordsburg, Reserve, Truth or Consequences and Cobre;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the nine regional education cooperatives
18 provide, in a cooperative manner, special-education-related
19 service staff so that individual school districts can meet
20 the needs of their students under the federal Individuals
21 with Disabilities Education Act; and

22 WHEREAS, without the regional education cooperatives'
23 collaborative approach, many school districts would be unable
24 to find, hire and sustain the appropriate staff to meet the
25 needs of their students under the Individuals with

1 Disabilities Education Act; and

2 WHEREAS, the nine regional education cooperatives
3 provide their member districts with assistance in complying
4 with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act performance
5 indicators as set out in federal and state law; and

6 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, the appropriated funding
7 to each regional education cooperative was just under one
8 hundred five thousand dollars (\$105,000) for the entire
9 fiscal year, and the regional education cooperatives did not
10 receive any direct state equalization formula funding; and

11 WHEREAS, the regional education cooperatives actively
12 seek grants and other entrepreneurial activities to maintain
13 services; and

14 WHEREAS, the regional education cooperatives are an
15 integral, valuable and important part of the overall public
16 education system in New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, the regional education cooperatives are
18 administratively attached to the public education department
19 and, through this attachment, are able to enter into
20 intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the work and
21 initiatives of the public education department throughout the
22 state; and

23 WHEREAS, the regional education cooperatives, through
24 their geographical locations, provide tremendous vehicles for
25 disseminating and sustaining educational initiatives;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the nine
3 regional education cooperatives be recognized for their
4 contribution to the overall well-being of public education in
5 New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 2, 2017 be declared
7 "Regional Education Cooperatives Day" in the house of
8 representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the directors of the nine regional education
11 cooperatives.