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SENATE MEMORIAL 57

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 9, 2018 "MORA COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Mora county has a rich and multifaceted history, including indigenous peoples, Mexicano and Hispano settlers and other settlers from a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the unique and beautiful landscape of Mora county is characterized by the Sangre de Cristo mountains in the west, which are the headwaters for numerous acequias, and by green irrigated valleys that give way to vast, open plains on the east side of the county; and

WHEREAS, Mora county is home to several villages, including Mora, Cleveland, Holman, Chacon, Watrous, Guadalupita, Golondrinas, Buena Vista, Ledoux, Rainsville, El Alto, El Carmen and others, as well as one incorporated

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1 village, Wagon Mound; and

2 WHEREAS, the communities of Mora county have a rich
3 cultural heritage with a long history of agriculture, logging,
4 forest harvesting, hunting and fishing; and

5 WHEREAS, farming and ranching continue to be major
6 contributors to the local economy by supporting the livelihood
7 of many families in the county; and

8 WHEREAS, several places in Mora county have been federally
9 recognized for their significant historical and natural
10 history, including the Rio Mora national wildlife refuge and
11 the Fort Union national monument; and

12 WHEREAS, Mora county is home to two state parks, including
13 the iconic Morphy Lake state park and beautiful Coyote Creek
14 state park, which are beloved by locals and visitors alike for
15 camping, fishing and recreational uses; and

16 WHEREAS, several community organizations are working to
17 build upon Mora county's natural beauty and rich history to
18 strengthen the local economy, including the Mora valley chamber
19 of commerce, the Mora valley spinning mill, the Mora county
20 economic development corporation and recently formed
21 cooperatives for agriculture, forestry and tourism; and

22 WHEREAS, Mora county is home to an arts and cultural
23 compound that is working to engage the community in the arts
24 and to promote tourism in Mora county; and

25 WHEREAS, the youth of Mora county are renowned for their

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1 skill and tenacity in school sports, particularly basketball,
2 and both the boys and girls basketball teams have distinguished
3 themselves as district and statewide champions; and

4 WHEREAS, Mora county government, which includes elected
5 officials and employees, has been diligent in working to
6 provide services to meet the basic needs of residents and has
7 either completed or made progress on projects such as a
8 collection center, a county complex and a senior center;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2018 be proclaimed "Mora County
11 Day" in the senate; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents of Mora county,
13 including various communities and the village of Wagon Mound,
14 be recognized for their history, culture and work to build a
15 bright future for future generations; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the board of county commission of Mora county,
18 the village of Wagon Mound councilors, the Mora valley chamber
19 of commerce and members of the board of the Mora independent
20 school district.

