

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 116

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO HOLD CONTESTS TO
12 SELECT AN OFFICIAL STATE WINTER HOLIDAY SONG, GREEN CHILE SONG
13 AND NEW MEXICO TRUE SONG.

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15 WHEREAS, music is an invaluable aspect of the human
16 experience that unites people and cultures together across the
17 ages; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long-standing musical tradition
19 that draws from New Mexico's rich heritage, which has been
20 influenced by Spanish, Mexican, folk and country and western
21 music and the music of many indigenous cultures; and

22 WHEREAS, through their music, New Mexico's musical
23 performers and composers tell unique stories that cannot be
24 found, or compared to those, in any other part of the world;
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1 WHEREAS, New Mexico has many unique holiday traditions,
2 including farolitos and luminarias, pueblo dances, biscochitos
3 and tamales, ristras and leaving Christmas lights up year-
4 round; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to "O, Fair New Mexico", the
6 legislature has recognized certain songs that musically capture
7 the beauty, culture and character of this state; and

8 WHEREAS, the legislature has adopted a bilingual state
9 song, a Spanish-language state song, a state ballad and a state
10 cowboy song; and

11 WHEREAS, the state cowboy song, "Under the New Mexico
12 Skies" was selected at a songwriting competition sponsored by
13 the state's music commission at the western music association's
14 music festival in Albuquerque in November 2007; and

15 WHEREAS, Arkansas, Texas and Virginia, as well as many
16 other states, have held competitions to select state songs;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
18 OF NEW MEXICO that the cultural affairs department be requested
19 to hold contests to select an official state winter holiday
20 song, green chile song and New Mexico true song; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cultural affairs
22 department be requested to solicit entries for these contests;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contests allow members of
25 the public to vote for their choices; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the winning entries be sent to
2 the legislature for adoption as official state songs; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of state and the
5 secretary of cultural affairs.

