

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NUESTRA  
3 SENORA DE DOLORES CATHOLIC PARISH IN MANZANO, NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, 2023 marked the two hundredth anniversary of  
6 the founding of the nuestra Senora de Dolores Catholic parish  
7 in Manzano, New Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, native people lived in the Estancia valley for  
9 centuries before European contact; and

10 WHEREAS, the area is the site of the historic Salinas  
11 missions, which included the three missions of Abo, Quarai  
12 and Gran Quivira; and

13 WHEREAS, Hispanic settlers have used the Estancia valley  
14 for grazing livestock since 1703; and

15 WHEREAS, settlement of the area began in the 1800s, when  
16 residents of the town of Tome and Valencia county petitioned  
17 the Spanish and Mexican governments for land grants in the  
18 area; and

19 WHEREAS, nuestra Senora de Dolores Catholic church was  
20 erected in the community of Manzano beginning in 1824; and

21 WHEREAS, the church played an important role in the  
22 establishment of the Manzano land grant-merced, which was  
23 granted on December 24, 1829;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that nuestra

1 Senora de Dolores Catholic parish be recognized on its two  
2 hundredth anniversary; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the board of trustees of the Manzano land  
5 grant-merced and the nuestra Senora de Dolores Catholic  
6 parish.

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