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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 11

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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22, 2018 "SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, land, water and other resources are the basic physical assets of New Mexico, and their conservation and development are necessary to protect and promote the health and general welfare of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is experiencing a severe drought that is affecting water supplies; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico watersheds face over-vegetation and other challenges that affect water yields; and

WHEREAS, endangered species and interstate compact issues are complicating water shortage issues; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's forty-seven soil and water conservation districts have applied measures to conserve and

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1 develop the natural resources of the state for more than fifty  
2 years by "putting conservation on the ground"; and

3 WHEREAS, soil and water conservation districts are  
4 organized and perpetuated by the provisions of the Soil and  
5 Water Conservation District Act and are governmental  
6 subdivisions of the state;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 22, 2018 be proclaimed "Soil  
9 and Water Conservation District Day" at the legislature and  
10 that recognition be extended to the people who serve to protect  
11 the fragile environment that is crucial to the well-being of  
12 the state of New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the New Mexico association of conservation  
15 districts.