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**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 2, 2016 "GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY" AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RECOGNIZING THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO TREATY DAY AND COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 1848, the United States and the Republic of Mexico signed the Treaty of Peace, Friendship, Limits and Settlement, known as the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, at the main altar of the old cathedral of Guadalupe at the Villa Hidalgo to end the war between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, through the treaty, Mexico formally relinquished claims to over two hundred sixty-six thousand square miles of land in Texas and directly ceded more than five hundred

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1 twenty-five thousand square miles of additional land from  
2 Mexico to the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, the lands relinquished or ceded by Mexico,  
4 totaling over seven hundred ninety thousand square miles, now  
5 constitute all or parts of eight states in the American west,  
6 including Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,  
7 Texas, Utah and Wyoming; and

8 WHEREAS, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo included  
9 provisions for the protection of established property rights,  
10 including community land grants, within the transferred areas;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Spanish and Mexican community land grants and  
13 Native American pueblo communities throughout New Mexico have  
14 relied on the provisions of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo to  
15 protect their current remaining common lands and as the basis  
16 to pursue a just recovery of their traditional, former common  
17 lands; and

18 WHEREAS, on February 2, 1998, community land grant heirs  
19 and advocates from around the state came together at the state  
20 capitol to celebrate the first-ever Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty  
21 Day; and

22 WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-5-10 NMSA 1978, the second  
23 of February is set apart each year and known as "Guadalupe  
24 Hidalgo Treaty Day" in New Mexico; and

25 WHEREAS, February 2, 2016 marks one hundred sixty-eight

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1 years since the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; and

2 WHEREAS, over generations New Mexico's land grant  
3 communities have experienced phenomenal changes in government,  
4 culture and economy, and their resilience is demonstrated by  
5 their growing vitality as political subdivisions of the state;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 2,  
8 2016 be recognized as the eighteenth annual commemoration of  
9 Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Day; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives  
11 extend its esteem to the community land grant heirs for their  
12 continued, dedicated work throughout New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state and federal legislative  
14 support for all Spanish and Mexican community land grants and  
15 Native American pueblos should continue far into the future;  
16 and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to the board of trustees of all community land  
19 grants registered in the state's official land grant registry,  
20 the governors and tribal councils of all the pueblos of New  
21 Mexico and the members of the New Mexico congressional  
22 delegation.