

1 HOUSE MEMORIAL 51

2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12, 2022 "COLONIAS DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND HER CABINET TO
13 ASSIST LOCAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN NEW
14 MEXICO BY ADDING RURAL COMMUNITIES AND COLONIAS TO THE STATE'S
15 PRIORITY ACTION LIST OF PROGRAMS.

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17 WHEREAS, residents of rural and colonias communities
18 statewide face harsh challenges on a daily basis, but they are
19 proud people who are reluctant to ask for help; and

20 WHEREAS, individual counties continue to undertake
21 independent and ambitious infrastructure improvement plans
22 designed to enhance social and economic development
23 opportunities for all residents of New Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, by initiating a statewide improvement program for
25 rural and colonias communities, the state could partner with

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1 the thirty-three counties to empower these small communities
2 and dramatically improve the quality of life in them, while
3 simultaneously creating new entrepreneurial zones that will
4 complement existing projects in incorporated municipalities;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12,
7 2022 be recognized as "Colonias Day" in the house of
8 representatives; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor Michelle Lujan
10 Grisham and her cabinet be requested to work with the board of
11 directors of New Mexico counties to assist local efforts to
12 improve the quality of life in the state and to add
13 improvements for rural communities and colonias to the state's
14 priority action list of programs for legislative funding; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the governor and the board of directors of New
17 Mexico counties.