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SENATE MEMORIAL 1

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW MEXICO ARTISTS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has been recognized worldwide as a mecca for arts and culture longer than it has been a state in the union, thanks to the fantastic abilities of its artists and cultures; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to countless generations of artists spanning myriad styles, formats and media; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico provides large and unique marketplaces for selling Hispanic and indigenous goods and crafts; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's beautiful and diverse landscapes provide for enchanting imagery through paintings, photography and drawings and even for the plain eye to view; and

WHEREAS, the songs of New Mexico vary in genre and language, including Spanish, English and a variety of

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1 indigenous languages, and are composed using instruments and
2 techniques of various cultures; and

3 WHEREAS, long-standing artistic traditions in New Mexico
4 have been inclusive of artists of all ages and genders,
5 particularly of women and children; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico master craftsmen and women are famous
7 throughout the western hemisphere for their southwestern style
8 of furnishings and decorations; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico's adobe structures provide not only
10 places to live but are a traditional and cultural signature,
11 using local resources effectively and artistically; and

12 WHEREAS, the use of natural materials, such as character
13 rock, turquoise and native woods, makes for unique pieces of
14 art crafted in New Mexico; and

15 WHEREAS, famous artists with New Mexico roots include
16 author Rudolfo Anaya; godfather of New Mexico music Alberto
17 Nelson Sanchez; and designer Bruce Erickson, among other
18 talented artists; and

19 WHEREAS, the arts are so important to New Mexico that
20 several of its towns have at some point been labeled as
21 artists' villages; and

22 WHEREAS, the state capitol is home to a multimillion
23 dollar collection of art made exclusively by New Mexico
24 artists;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico artists be recognized for their
2 skills and the benefits that they bring to the state.

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