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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 27, 2020 "UNM DAY" IN THE SENATE IN
RECOGNITION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO
EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE
RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico was founded in 1889;
and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the state's
flagship research institution, serving nearly twenty-three
thousand students and employing tens of thousands of New
Mexicans, including employees of the university of New Mexico
hospital; and

WHEREAS, university of New Mexico students attain forty-
seven percent of the state's baccalaureate degrees, forty-two
percent of the state's graduate degrees and eighty-one percent

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1 of the state's doctoral and first professional degrees; and

2 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico annually awards
3 fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in scholarships; and

4 WHEREAS, there are almost two hundred thousand active
5 alumni, with lobos in every state, including one hundred
6 sixteen thousand in New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is celebrating a
8 century of graduate studies, giving students access to
9 nationally recognized faculty, cutting-edge research,
10 professional and academic development and student support; and

11 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's graduate and
12 professional student association is celebrating fifty years of
13 identifying, promoting and supporting the interests of nearly
14 four thousand graduate and professional students; and

15 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico health sciences
16 center is the state's largest integrated health care treatment,
17 research and education organization, with national recognition
18 for primary care, rural medicine, family medicine, nursing and
19 midwifery, and is home of the state's only national-cancer-
20 institute-designated comprehensive cancer center; and

21 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico provides a research-
22 driven education, where faculty members engage in investigation
23 and scholarship that create new knowledge, which brings
24 sustained wealth to New Mexico's economy; and

25 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is a community of

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1 unique perspectives that embraces peoples' differences and
2 celebrates a culture of contrast rather than a contrast of
3 cultures; and

4 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the university
5 *for* New Mexico;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
7 OF NEW MEXICO that January 27, 2020 be declared "UNM Day" in
8 the senate in recognition of the university of New Mexico's
9 service and dedication to the residents of New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico.