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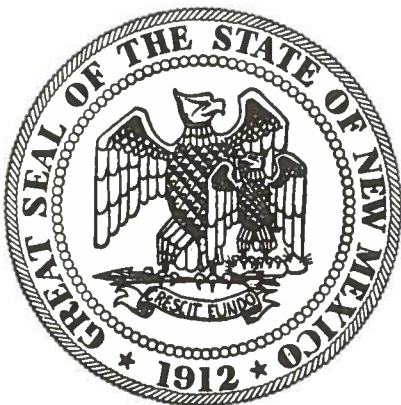
CHAPTER _____

HOUSE MEMORIAL 29, as amended

Introduced by

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1 A MEMORIAL

2 LAUDING NEW MEXICO'S LONG HISTORY OF RACIAL AND CULTURAL
3 DIVERSITY AND COOPERATION.

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5 WHEREAS, the people of New Mexico promote the spirit of
6 diversity-with-harmony represented by the various cultures
7 that make up the fabric of the state and of American society;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico's special blend of cultures
10 engenders in its residents an exceptional tolerance and
11 respect for people of all races and ethnicities; and

12 WHEREAS, New Mexico is justly proud of its national
13 reputation for racial and ethnic harmony, exemplified by its
14 numerous cultures; and

15 WHEREAS, through architecture, music, food, arts and
16 crafts, religious expression, holidays and other cultural
17 events, New Mexicans share and celebrate the lives and
18 histories of each other; and

19 WHEREAS, children are taught from kindergarten on about
20 the importance to the state and nation of the contributions
21 made by New Mexico's Native Americans, Hispanics, Europeans,
22 African Americans and people of other races, ethnicities and
23 nationalities; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico's rich history is made up of
25 individuals from diverse ethnicities, races and cultures,

1 often working in concert for the betterment of the state and
2 nation, including: the pueblo farmers who taught newcomers
3 how to farm in the desert; the Spanish, Mexican and American
4 traders who braved the rigors and dangers of El Camino Real
5 and the Santa Fe Trail to bring progress and prosperity to the
6 territory; the nameless vaqueros and cowboys tending cattle on
7 haciendas and ranches; the hundreds of famous artists and
8 writers who told of the wonders of New Mexico in paint and
9 words; Robert Oppenheimer and the secret Los Alamos scientists
10 from around the world who worked to split the atom and usher
11 in a new world; the Navajo code talkers who saved countless
12 American lives at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Peleliu, Iwo Jima and
13 every other area of battle in the Pacific theater between 1942
14 and 1945; Harrison Schmidt, the last astronaut to step onto
15 the moon; and all of the ordinary citizens who love and
16 support their families, their neighbors and their communities;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, at statehood, New Mexico recognized its
19 Spanish-speaking citizens and wanted to ensure their full
20 participation in government, so it required that state laws be
21 published in English and Spanish for the first twenty years of
22 statehood and requires, still, that constitutional amendments
23 be published in English and Spanish, as well as, when
24 possible, indigenous and other languages; and

25 WHEREAS, the constitution of New Mexico protects the

1 educational rights of children of Spanish descent and,
2 although instruction in public schools is to be conducted in
3 English, the constitution requires that the legislature
4 provide for the training of teachers so that they may be
5 proficient in both the English and Spanish languages; and

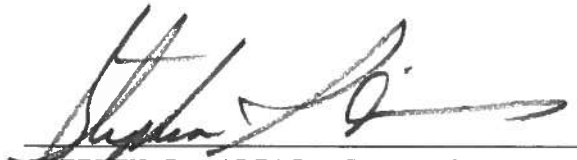
6 WHEREAS, New Mexico has had a long and proud history of
7 being at the forefront of celebrating diversity and expanding
8 human rights for all of its residents; and

9 WHEREAS, as we try to teach children the importance of
10 moral and ethical actions and the necessity for civility in
11 civil discourse, it behooves us all to embody the
12 characteristics we hope our children will emulate;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it celebrate
15 the state's long-standing racial, ethnic and cultural
16 diversity.



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