

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING JANUARY 30, 2019 "GRANT COUNTY DAY" IN THE  
3 SENATE.

4  
5 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its mining, ranching  
6 and art communities, blend of Hispanic, Native American and  
7 Anglo cultures, blue skies with three hundred sixty days of  
8 sunshine per year, vast mountain landscapes and small-town  
9 atmosphere; and

10 WHEREAS, Grant county is the gateway to the vast Gila  
11 wilderness; and

12 WHEREAS, Silver City will celebrate one hundred  
13 forty-one years as Grant county's largest city and county  
14 seat in 2019; and

15 WHEREAS, Silver City is the only municipality in  
16 New Mexico still operating under the territorial charter  
17 issued by the legislative assembly of the territory of  
18 New Mexico in 1878; and

19 WHEREAS, Grant county is the richest county for mining  
20 in New Mexico and home to more restaurants than fast food  
21 establishments; and

22 WHEREAS, Grant county is home to western New Mexico  
23 university, which will celebrate its one-hundred-twenty-sixth  
24 anniversary in 2019, and the world's foremost collections of  
25 ancient Mimbres pottery are displayed at the western

1 New Mexico university museum; and

2 WHEREAS, Grant county is known for its true west history  
3 that includes prehistoric Native Americans, Chiricahua Apache  
4 and wild west characters such as Billy the Kid and lawman  
5 Dan Tucker; and

6 WHEREAS, Grant county is where, in 1866, company B of  
7 the one-hundred-twenty-fifth United States colored infantry  
8 established Fort Bayard; and

9 WHEREAS, Grant county is honored as the home of many  
10 veterans, including members of New Mexico's two-hundredth  
11 coast artillery regiment, many of whom were subjected to the  
12 Bataan death march, including the late Representative  
13 Tom Foy; and

14 WHEREAS, Grant county straddles the Continental Divide  
15 trail, a national scenic trail, at six thousand to seven  
16 thousand feet, providing cool summers, as well as  
17 uninterrupted views of the Mexican border to the south; and

18 WHEREAS, Grant county hosts the annual tour of the Gila,  
19 New Mexico's premier cycling stage race, which attracts  
20 national and international teams and boosts awareness and use  
21 of the trail of the Mountain Spirits national scenic byway;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Grant county has many well-known festivals,  
24 including the blues festival, clay festival, festival of the  
25 written word and the Southwest print fiesta; and

