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72nd SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2019

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A MEMORIAL

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RECOGNIZING DE BACA COUNTY AND ITS CITIZENS; REMEMBERING THE LEGACY

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OF GENERATIONS PAST; HONORING THE NATIVE AMERICANS WHO ENDURED

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THE LONG WALK AND FORT SUMNER; DECLARING SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019, "DE

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BACA COUNTY DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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WHEREAS, WHEREAS, De Baca county, having been created on February 28, 1917; and

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WHEREAS, De Baca county having been created from parts of Chaves, Guadalupe,

15

and Roosevelt counties; and

1 WHEREAS, Fort Sumner, with a population of more than one thousand seven hundred
2 people, is the county seat of De Baca county; and

3 WHEREAS, De Baca county is over two thousand three hundred square miles in area
4 and consists of one village; and

5 WHEREAS,, De Baca county is home to the Fort Sumner State Monument, which
6 illustrates the history of the fort, having been established in 1862 on the banks of the Pecos
7 River; and

8 WHEREAS, De Baca county is home to the Bosque Redondo, an International Site of
9 Conscience, which remembers the persecution of more than ten thousand Navajo and
10 Mescalero Apache Indians from 1863 to 1868 at Fort Sumner, and honors the resilience
11 and courage of these two cultures; and

12 WHEREAS, De Baca county features Lake Sumner State Park, which is a reservoir on
13 the Pecos River, over four thousand five hundred acres, having been created in 1939
14 through the building of Sumner Dam by the United States Bureau of Reclamation, offering
15 numerous recreational activities; and

16 WHEREAS, De Baca county is home to five places on the national register of historic
17 places, including De Baca County Court House, Fort Sumner Cemetery Wall and Entry,
18 Fort Sumner Community House, Fort Sumner Railroad Bridge, and Fort Sumner Ruins; and

19 WHEREAS, De Baca county is honored to be the home of Rear Admiral William “Deak”
20 Parsons beginning is 1909, being best known as the “Atomic Admiral” who was the
21 weaponeer of the Enola Gay, which dropped the atomic bomb, Little Boy on Hiroshima in
22 1945; and

23 WHEREAS, De Baca county hosts Old Fort Days, an annual celebration which pays
24 homage to the rich heritage and colorful history of De Baca county;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN
2 LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE that NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
3 RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW
4 MEXICO GIRLS STATE that June 1, 2019 be proclaimed "De Baca County Day" in the
5 senate; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the great people and
8 great places of De Baca county be recognized; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this
11 memorial be distributed to the members of the board of county commissioners of De Baca
12 county, as well as the Mayor of Fort Sumner and the city councilors.