

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Memorial Instruction Sheet



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Simple Title of Memorial: Creating a day to honor Lola Chávez de Armijo

1 MEMORIAL

2 **70TH SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

3 INTRODUCED BY

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7 A MEMORIAL

8 CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LOLA CHÁVEZ DE ARMIJO;

9 MEMORIALIZE A DAY IN HONOR OF THE INFLUENTIAL COURT CASE SHE FILED;

10 DECLARE OCTOBER 16TH AS "LOLA CHÁVEZ DE ARMIJO DAY" STATEWIDE

11 WHEREAS, WHEREAS, women's, and especially women of color's,

12 accomplishments are neglected in the traditional rhetoric of history; and

13 WHEREAS, she, as State Librarian, was nearly removed from office due to her

14 gender in order for the state governor William C. McDonald to give the office to one he

1 owed a political favor to, and, with the ensuing court case, helped gain women political
2 rights before women were legally allowed to vote; and

3 WHEREAS, with state legislation following the historic court case, New Mexican
4 women are ensured the right to hold any appointed office; and

5 WHEREAS, Lola Chávez de Armijo's endless crusade in bringing gender equality
6 and government corruption to the state's attention is not duly recognized; and

7 WHEREAS, there is a persistent disproportion between male and female political
8 workers that results in unequal representation of the sexes in government; and

9 WHEREAS, history is taught to our children in terms of important men, rather
10 than important people; and

11 WHEREAS, the teaching of history often neglects the role of people of color; and

12 WHEREAS, Lola Chávez de Armijo was the first woman and the first Hispanic
13 woman to serve in a statewide capacity in New Mexico, and therefore should be
14 remembered and honored; and

15 WHEREAS, the state-recognized day is an avenue for the residents of New
16 Mexico to understand and appreciate the role of minorities in the state's history, and so
17 allow future generations to honor the contributions women and women of color have made
18 to the state: and

19 WHEREAS, the day can be used to remember other such trailblazers;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE that that there shall be a
22 state-recognized day, "Lola Chávez de Armijo Day", to honor the life and contribution of
23 Lola Chávez de Armijo and other minorities that worked for equal rights in the state of New
24 Mexico.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to honor Lola
2 Chávez de Armijo, October 16th be further known as "Lola Chávez de Armijo Day"; and
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this
4 memorial be transmitted to mayors of New Mexican villages, towns, and cities.

