

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Memorial Instruction Sheet



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Simple Title of Memorial: "Chile Day"

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MEMORIAL

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71st SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2018

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DECLARING SEPTEMBER 1st, 2018 AS "CHILE DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO HOUSE OF

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REPRESENTATIVES; RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILE TO THE

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CULTURE, HEALTH OF RESIDENTS, AND ECONOMY IN NEW MEXICO

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WHEREAS, New Mexico is known for its green Chile; and

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WHEREAS, Chile is mainly used throughout New Mexican cuisine; and

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WHEREAS, Chile has been used in New Mexican art, considering New Mexico is

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rich for its art, through images of a ristra (an arrangement of drying Chile pods) which can

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also be used to symbolize New Mexican cuisine; and

1 WHEREAS, New Mexican Chile is unique because it has brought communities
2 together when it comes to roasting it or to peeling it to prepare it for food; and

3 WHEREAS, it is referenced in New Mexico’s state question “Red or Green?”; and

4 WHEREAS, Chile contributes to the well-being and livelihood of families that profit
5 from the annual Chile harvesting season and the tourists that gather, however due to the
6 drought this year can cause a decrease in Chile which will hurt these families and New
7 Mexico’s economy; and

8 WHEREAS, Chile may be hot and spicy, but it does have important health benefits
9 including it is rich in nutrients that can enhance people’s health; and

10 WHEREAS, a New Mexican company, “Bueno,” has profited off the production of
11 Chile products and boosts New Mexico’s economy; and

12 WHEREAS, the village Hatch located here in New Mexico is a main benefiter of the
13 production of Chile and has a Hatch Chile festival that can bring in as much as 30,000
14 visitors from across the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Motor Vehicles has issued a new
16 license plate which promotes the red and green as its logo, the license plate easily
17 distinguishes the residents from New Mexico and has been recognized on a national level
18 as the best-looking license plate in America; and

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
20 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE that September 1st, 2018
21 be declared as “Chile Day” in honor of the importance of Chile in New Mexico’s culture,
22 health of residents, and economy; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on this date this memorial be adopted by the
24 State of New Mexico Department of Tourism.