

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 9, 2023 "MOUNT TAYLOR QUADRATHLON DAY" IN THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, the Mount Taylor quadrathlon is more than a
6 race, it is a bucket-list, multisport winter endurance party;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, every Presidents' day weekend, sports
9 enthusiasts converged on Grants to participate in a bike,
10 run, ski and snowshoe race; and

11 WHEREAS, the Mount Taylor quadrathlon is a sport race up
12 and back down the highest peak in northwestern New Mexico;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, contestants are challenged to bike thirteen
15 miles up the steep, paved road leading to Mount Taylor, then
16 run an additional five miles on a snowpacked, gravel road
17 before switching to a pair of cross-country skis and
18 ascending two miles on a groomed trail; and

19 WHEREAS, finally, racers strap on a pair of snowshoes
20 and trek the final mile to the summit of Mount Taylor, five
21 thousand four hundred feet higher than where they started;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, after catching their breath at the top, the
24 racers turn around and brave the twenty-two-mile stretch
25 again to get back to the finish line; and

1 WHEREAS, the race is open to solo racers, teams and
2 pairs; and

3 WHEREAS, quad kids is a three-part children's race that
4 takes place at the finish line while the adults are out on
5 the mountain; and

6 WHEREAS, kids ages three to twelve participate in a bike
7 ride, obstacle course and run appropriate for their age; and

8 WHEREAS, the Mount Taylor quadrathlon organization
9 members responsible for planning and hosting the race are:

10 Isaac Atencio – president;

11 Kendra Brown – vice president;

12 Stephanie Gaines – treasurer;

13 Amanda Valdez – secretary;

14 board members: Roger Siegman, Terry Fletcher, Dhanielle
15 Atencio and Maggie Edmiston; and

16 transition leaders: Isaac Atencio – start finish, Roger
17 Siegman – bike run, Shane Jake Valdez – run ski, Chad Gaines
18 – ski snowshoe and Bobby Bassett – summit;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition
21 be extended to the Mount Taylor quadrathlon by declaring
22 March 9, 2023 "Mount Taylor Quadrathlon Day" in the house of
23 representatives; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the Mount Taylor quadrathlon organization. _____