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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE SONGS; DECLARING "GRACIAS NEW MEXICO",  
WRITTEN BY CAROL J. MAYBERRY-SANCHEZ, AS THE OFFICIAL STATE  
WINTER HOLIDAY SONG.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 12, Article 3 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] STATE WINTER HOLIDAY SONG.--The words and  
music of "Gracias New Mexico", written by Carol J. Mayberry-  
Sanchez, are declared to be the state winter holiday song. The  
words are:

(first verse)  
Feast day empanadas  
Chile simmers, green and red  
Dances at the pueblos

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1 Native ladies baking bread  
2 Bizcochitos in the oven  
3 Posole on the stove  
4 Moms and daughters busy making  
5 Tamales tied with bows  
6 (chorus)  
7 Gracias New Mexico  
8 For family, friends and folks we know  
9 O Come All Ye Faithful  
10 Gracias New Mexico  
11 (second verse)  
12 Wild horses graze together  
13 Some hunker near a pinon tree  
14 The snow is gently falling  
15 In a pattern only clouds can see  
16 Winding through a deep arroyo  
17 A shepherd tends his flock of sheep  
18 In this land of enchantment  
19 December snuggles sound asleep  
20 (chorus)  
21 Gracias New Mexico  
22 For family, friends and folks we know  
23 O Come All Ye Faithful  
24 Gracias New Mexico  
25 (third verse)

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1 Turquoise skies change to starlight  
2 Moon-cast shadows on the snow  
3 Folks prepare for Las Posadas  
4 Farolitos cast a sunset glow  
5 A pinon fire in the kiva  
6 Flickers on adobe walls  
7 A sweet guitar is softly playing  
8 A verse of Deck the Halls  
9 (chorus)  
10 Gracias New Mexico  
11 For family, friends and folks we know  
12 O Come All Ye Faithful  
13 Gracias New Mexico  
14 A season for caring, sharing, giving love  
15 That we may grow  
16 Peacefully, together  
17 Gracias New Mexico"."

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