

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University was founded on February 11, 1893, as a state normal school for the training of teachers in the thriving southwestern New Mexico mining communities; and

WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University has made important contributions to the State of New Mexico for one hundred twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University is located in Silver City, New Mexico in the shadows of the Gila National Forest near the continental divide; and

WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University is recognized today as the State of New Mexico's only public Applied Liberal Arts and Sciences-offering institution and has been continuously accredited since 1942 by the Higher Learning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University is a Hispanic-serving institution and has made enormous contributions to the State's cultural, intellectual, social and educational growth of its citizens while remaining firmly attached to its community roots; and

WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University continues to educate and train thousands of students and professionals in the region through a dedication to educational excellence, academic proficiency, and a commitment to community that has been demonstrated for one hundred twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Western New Mexico University has served the people of the State of New Mexico and its surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public university since 1893 and is committed to continuing this service toward a student population diverse in age, culture, language and ethnic background;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Ladner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico do hereby proclaim February 11 through 17, 2018 as

“Western New Mexico University’s Quasiquicentennial Week”

in the Town of Silver City and may this serve as an opportunity to reflect on the past, present, and future contributions of the university.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 13th day of February, 2018.

(Seal)

/s/ _____
Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ _____
Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk