



April 23, 2008

## Joint Resolution 2S

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of the University of New Mexico represent undergraduate student body; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican gray wolf, also known as the Lobo, has been the University of New Mexico's mascot since 1920; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican gray wolf, a keystone species found only in the unique habitats of the southwestern United States and Mexico, remains a perfect representation of the University of New Mexico's twin objectives: to encompass the heritage of New Mexico and to provide leadership for the future; and

WHEREAS, Lobos have recently been returned to the wilderness of New Mexico after about sixty years of total extinction within the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico celebrate the 10th anniversary of the first releases of wolves in the Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area in southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico resolutely support the continued existence and prosperity of the Mexican gray wolf in the wilderness of the southwestern United States as a means of ensuring that the inspirational qualities of wild wolves may continue to inspire current and future generations of UNM students, faculty, staff, and alumni;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, copies of this resolution be sent to the University of New Mexico's Board of Regents, President David Schmidly, and Curator Joseph Cook at the Museum of Southwestern Biology.