

1 A MEMORIAL

2 ENCOURAGING NEW MEXICO RESIDENTS TO RIDE BICYCLES FOR
3 TRANSPORTATION AS WELL AS RECREATION AND URGING THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EMBRACE AND PROMOTE "COMPLETE
5 STREETS" POLICIES.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico has nearly two million residents;
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9 WHEREAS, in 2007, New Mexico had an estimated one
10 million five hundred ninety-nine thousand registered
11 vehicles; and

12 WHEREAS, a bicycle, driven by efficient and abundant
13 human power, creates zero emissions; and

14 WHEREAS, over half of the population of New Mexico is
15 considered to be overweight, and an estimated twenty-five and
16 two-tenths of the population is obese; and

17 WHEREAS, riding a bicycle is an easy way to incorporate
18 cardiovascular exercise into an active lifestyle, especially
19 for senior citizens and children; and

20 WHEREAS, Complete Streets is a national movement
21 dedicated to ensuring that transportation planners and
22 engineers consistently design and operate roadways with all
23 users, including bicyclists, public transportation vehicles
24 and riders and pedestrians of all ages and abilities, in
25 mind;

