

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AREA IN THE CITY OF
3 ALBUQUERQUE CENTERED AROUND LOUISIANA BETWEEN CENTRAL AND
4 ZUNI, COMPRISING THE COMMUNITIES OF LA MESA, TRUMBULL, SOUTH
5 SAN PEDRO, ELDER HOMESTEAD, FAIR WEST AND SURROUNDING AREAS,
6 KNOWN AS THE "INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT".

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8 WHEREAS, the area in the city of Albuquerque centered
9 around Louisiana between Central and Zuni is commonly
10 recognized as the most international and culturally diverse
11 area of New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, the residents living in that community come
13 from various countries of origin and have diverse ethnic,
14 racial and national backgrounds; and

15 WHEREAS, in the international district, Native Americans
16 and New Mexicans whose families have been in New Mexico for
17 hundreds of years live alongside recent immigrants from
18 Mexico, Central and South America, Asia, Europe, Africa and
19 many other places; and

20 WHEREAS, many cultures, customs and faiths are
21 represented in this diverse and vibrant part of the city, and
22 over twenty-seven languages are spoken at Highland high
23 school; and

24 WHEREAS, the area has been home for the last five
25 decades to the United States department of state's refugee

1 resettlement program; and

2 WHEREAS, hundreds of residents, business operators and
3 local elected officials held several public meetings, had
4 thoughtful discourse and unanimously concluded that creating
5 awareness of and leveraging the area's positive image are
6 critical to building the community and supporting local
7 business and property; and

8 WHEREAS, since its formal recognition in 2009, the
9 international district identity has started to flourish
10 through economic development and by creating awareness of the
11 community's vibrant and diverse culture, goods and services;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the international district is supported by
14 local, county and city elected officials in the community and
15 has supported identity-building through signage and
16 long-range planning; and

17 WHEREAS, recent improvements in the area include the
18 expansion of Turquoise lodge and the metropolitan assessment
19 and treatment services facility, the Ed Romero terrace,
20 refurbishment of the Sundowner hotel and Luna lodge, the
21 Albuquerque housing partnership's affordable single family
22 housing, the extreme makeover home edition property, cultural
23 artwork around Talin market, the new university of New Mexico
24 southeast heights healthcare clinic, the new peanut butter
25 and jelly family services, incorporated, southeast heights

1 center, New Mexico veterans integration center, east central
2 ministries dental clinic, the new Molina medical clinic,
3 expanded first nations health clinic, improved sidewalks and
4 drainage, the stories of route 66 project and other projects
5 that have helped bring new vitality and needed services to
6 the area; and

7 WHEREAS, the international district, with support of
8 local stakeholders and elected officials, hosts popular city
9 and statewide events, including the international district
10 festival and international district day at the New Mexico
11 legislature;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the fifth anniversary of the
14 international district, including the area in the city of
15 Albuquerque centered around Louisiana between Central and
16 Zuni, comprising the communities of La Mesa, Trumbull,
17 South San Pedro, Elder Homestead, Fair West and surrounding
18 areas, shall be collectively recognized as the "International
19 District"; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and
22 Santa Fe and to city and county officials representing the
23 area. _____