

A MEMORIAL

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOE S. SANDO, NATIVE AMERICAN PUEBLO HISTORIAN, AUTHOR, PROFESSOR AND LECTURER.

WHEREAS, Joe S. Sando was born into the Sun clan at the Pueblo of Jemez in 1923, grew up speaking Towa, his tribal language, joined the United States Navy during World War II for three years then earned a bachelor's degree from eastern New Mexico university and attended Vanderbilt university on the G.I. bill; and

WHEREAS, Joe S. Sando taught Pueblo Indian history at the university of New Mexico, the institute of American Indian arts in Santa Fe and United States international university, lectured throughout the world on the history and culture of the Pueblo Indian people and promoted the accomplishments and evolving history of the Pueblo people of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Joe S. Sando wrote a half-dozen books addressing the complex history of the Pueblo people and correcting inaccurate portrayals; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Joe S. Sando co-founded the institute for Pueblo Indian studies at the Indian Pueblo cultural center in Albuquerque, gathered much of the institute's archival information while researching and compiling Pueblo history and served as the director for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Joe S. Sando was the first chairman of the all

Indian Pueblo housing authority and the first chairman of the state judicial council and served on numerous boards throughout the state, including the Chamiza foundation, national Hispanic cultural center, national Indian education committee, New Mexico council of American Indians and New Mexico state fair Indian village committee; and

WHEREAS, Joe S. Sando received the Bravos award for excellence in literary arts; an outstanding alumni award from eastern New Mexico university; the state heritage preservation award; the excellence in the humanities award; the lifetime achievement award of Indian librarians and Indian history teachers; the Eugene Crawford memorial peace pipe award; the SWAIA lifetime achievement award; and the lifetime achievement award from the all Indian Pueblo council; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Joe S. Sando received an honorary doctor of letters from the university of New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the memory of Joe S. Sando be honored for his scholarship, his dedication to teaching and informing others about Pueblo lives and culture, his public service and his leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Louisa Barry Sando and the Indian Pueblo cultural center.