

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AREA IN THE  
3 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE CENTERED AROUND LOUISIANA BOULEVARD AND  
4 CENTRAL AVENUE BETWEEN LOMAS BOULEVARD AND GIBSON BOULEVARD,  
5 COMPRISING THE COMMUNITIES OF LA MESA, TRUMBULL VILLAGE,  
6 SOUTH SAN PEDRO, ELDER HOMESTEAD AND FAIR WEST, KNOWN AS THE  
7 "INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT".

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9 WHEREAS, the area in the city of Albuquerque centered  
10 around Louisiana boulevard and Central avenue between  
11 Lomas boulevard and Gibson boulevard from Wyoming boulevard  
12 to San Mateo boulevard is commonly recognized as the most  
13 international and culturally diverse area of New Mexico; and

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

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

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

1           WHEREAS, the area has been home for the last five  
2 decades to the United States department of state's refugee  
3 resettlement program; and

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

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

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

19          WHEREAS, recent improvements in the area include the  
20 future home of a new regional public library, a new police  
21 substation, a tiny home village, two urban open space  
22 locations, street lighting, route 66 median landscaping and  
23 continued expansion of the metropolitan assessment and  
24 treatment services facility that will bring new and continued  
25 vitality and needed services to the area; and

1           WHEREAS, the international district, with support of  
2 local stakeholders and elected officials, hosts popular city  
3 and statewide events, including the international district  
4 festival and international district day at the New Mexico  
5 legislature;

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the tenth anniversary of the  
8 international district be recognized and the district be  
9 recognized as the most vibrant multilingual and culturally  
10 diverse area in both Albuquerque and New Mexico; and

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city and the district's  
12 residents and political, community and business leaders be  
13 congratulated on the numerous improvements that have been  
14 made in the district since its 2009 recognition as the  
15 international district; and

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and  
18 Santa Fe and to city and county officials representing the  
19 area.

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