

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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7 WHEREAS, the communities and neighborhoods of La Mesa,
8 Trumbull, South San Pedro, Fair West and Elder Homestead
9 comprise a well known area of Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

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

13 WHEREAS, in that community, Native Americans and New
14 Mexicans whose families have been in New Mexico for hundreds
15 of years live alongside recent immigrants from Mexico,
16 Central and South America, Asia, Europe, Africa and many
17 other countries; and

18 WHEREAS, many cultures, customs and faiths are
19 represented in this diverse and vibrant part of the city; and

20 WHEREAS, commerce in and around this area caters to a
21 clientele from around the world; and

22 WHEREAS, goods and services that are imported from
23 around the world can be found in the area's markets and
24 shops; and

25 WHEREAS, restaurants in the area offer a wide variety of

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1 cuisine, representing a broad array of countries from six
2 continents; and

3 WHEREAS, within the area, expo New Mexico and the New
4 Mexico state fair, featuring many agricultural activities and
5 livestock shows, attract visitors from New Mexico, the United
6 States and the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the area borders Kirtland air force base, whose
8 servicemen and service women serve tours of duty around the
9 world; and

10 WHEREAS, there are twenty-seven languages spoken at the
11 local high school; and

12 WHEREAS, the area is commonly recognized as the most
13 international and culturally diverse area of New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, community members and leaders intend to improve
15 the image and recognition of the area as it continues its
16 longstanding process of redevelopment; and

17 WHEREAS, major metropolitan areas across the United
18 States have received acclaim, revitalization and tourism by
19 celebrating and identifying the vibrant and diverse
20 international cultures of their communities and
21 neighborhoods; and

22 WHEREAS, hundreds of residents, business operators and
23 local elected officials have held several public meetings,
24 have had thoughtful discourse and have unanimously concluded
25 that creating awareness of and leveraging the area's positive

1 image are critical to rebuilding the community and supporting
2 local business and property; and

3 WHEREAS, efforts to create awareness of the community's
4 vibrant and diverse culture, services and goods are supported
5 by local county and city elected officials;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the area centered around Louisiana
8 between Central and Zuni, comprising the communities of La
9 Mesa, Trumbull, South San Pedro, Elder Homestead, Fair West
10 and surrounding areas, shall be collectively known as the
11 "International District"; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to members of the media in Albuquerque and Santa
14 Fe and to city and county officials representing the area. _____

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