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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING SANTA FE AS THE FIRST CITY IN NORTH AMERICA, AND ONE OF ONLY SIX CITIES IN THE WORLD, TO BE DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION AS A "CREATIVE CITY" AND TO BE APPOINTED A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZATION'S CREATIVE CITIES NETWORK.

WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe has a centuries-old tradition of creativity, from the pueblo peoples of the Rio Grande, to the Spanish settlers of the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, to the artists, craftspeople, writers, filmmakers, musicians, scientists and other creative people in modern-day Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe's economic development plan emphasizes the role of creative industries in the city's future; and

WHEREAS, the united nations educational, scientific and

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1 cultural organization, UNESCO, has established a creative
2 cities network, which is under the united nations global
3 alliance for cultural diversity; and

4 WHEREAS, UNESCO can play a role in bringing together the
5 many cultural industry initiatives and stakeholders that are
6 working to develop the creative industries network in Santa Fe;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, UNESCO seeks to make the creative cities network
9 a forum for exchange between creative cities; and

10 WHEREAS, Santa Fe design week was established to focus on
11 individuals and businesses in Santa Fe working in the area of
12 design, in its broadest terms; and

13 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe international folk art market was
14 established to bring the finest folk artists from New Mexico
15 and the world together in an unprecedented way; and

16 WHEREAS, UNESCO has recognized the role that the creative
17 industries of design and folk art play in the economic and
18 cultural life of Santa Fe; and

19 WHEREAS, UNESCO has appointed Santa Fe as a member of the
20 creative cities network in folk art and design; and

21 WHEREAS, UNESCO has, so far, appointed only five other
22 cities to the creative cities network, those cities being
23 Berlin, Germany; Aswan, Egypt; Buenos Aires, Argentina;
24 Popayan, Colombia; and Edinburgh, Scotland; and

25 WHEREAS, Santa Fe is the first and only city in North

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1 America to be given this distinction;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it recognize the honor given to the
4 city of Santa Fe as a UNESCO "creative city"; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the mayor of Santa Fe and the members of the
7 Santa Fe city council.

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