

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE SANTA FE 2926 STEAM LOCOMOTIVE AS NEW
3 MEXICO'S STEAM LOCOMOTIVE AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
4 RAILROADS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL GROWTH
5 AND STATURE OF NEW MEXICO.

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7 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe 2926 is a former Atchison, Topeka
8 and Santa Fe railway steam locomotive originally built in
9 1944 by Baldwin locomotive works for the Atchison, Topeka and
10 Santa Fe railway; and

11 WHEREAS, beginning in 1944, the Santa Fe 2926 logged
12 more than one million miles, many on New Mexico rails, at the
13 head of iconic high-speed passenger and freight trains; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1956, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe
15 railway donated the Santa Fe 2926 to the city of Albuquerque
16 in recognition of the city's two-hundred-fiftieth
17 anniversary, where it was placed in a city park; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1999, the Santa Fe 2926 was purchased by the
19 New Mexico steam locomotive and railroad historical society
20 and rescued from its deteriorating state; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Mexico steam locomotive and railroad
22 historical society purchased the Santa Fe 2926 with the
23 intention of accurately and safely returning the Santa Fe
24 2926 to full steam and to once again have the locomotive run
25 on New Mexico rails; and

1 WHEREAS, in May 2002, the Santa Fe 2926 was moved to its
2 current location near the intersection of eighth street and
3 Haines avenue in Albuquerque, where it is undergoing
4 restoration; and

5 WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007, the Santa Fe 2926 was
6 listed in the national register of historic places and was
7 featured as part of the New Mexico true state tourism
8 campaign; and

9 WHEREAS, the New Mexico steam locomotive and railroad
10 historical society has almost two million dollars
11 (\$2,000,000) and over one hundred thirty-one thousand
12 volunteer hours invested in the restoration of the Santa Fe
13 2926; and

14 WHEREAS, once restored, the Santa Fe 2926 will create a
15 new and significant tourist attraction;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Santa Fe
18 2926 steam locomotive be recognized as a representation of
19 all railroads' past, present and future contributions to the
20 economic and cultural growth and stature of New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Santa Fe 2926 be
22 recognized as New Mexico's steam locomotive; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the president of the New Mexico steam
25 locomotive and railroad historical society.