

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY TO STUDY THE
3 FEASABILITY OF CREATING A NEW MEXICO MUSIC MUSEUM IN
4 LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, music is an invaluable aspect of the human
7 experience that connects societies and peoples together
8 across the ages; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long-standing musical
10 tradition that draws from New Mexico's rich heritage, being
11 influenced by Spanish, Mexican, country western, folk and
12 many indigenous cultures; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico's musical composers and performers
14 tell unique stories through their music, which cannot be
15 found in or compared to those found in any other part of the
16 world; and

17 WHEREAS, generations of musicians, who have been
18 educated in the field of music and who have developed many
19 genres and styles of music appreciated by New Mexicans,
20 consider Las Vegas home; and

21 WHEREAS, many performers and groups, such as Cascabel
22 and Sangre Joven, view Las Vegas as a nucleus of the
23 New Mexico music scene and hold Las Vegas in high regard by
24 virtue of the culture and the long-term support from fans in
25 Las Vegas and the surrounding areas; and

1 WHEREAS, Las Vegas has been home to many large and
2 well-received musical celebrations, such as the Fourth of
3 July fiestas, the Meadow City music festival and Fridays al
4 fresco, where many New Mexican artists perform and start or
5 continue their careers; and

6 WHEREAS, the music departments at New Mexico highlands
7 university, west Las Vegas schools and Las Vegas city schools
8 have prepared many musical artists to create, perform and
9 teach music for years to come, as well as to participate as
10 members in some of New Mexico's most famous musical groups;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the preservation of New Mexico music is
13 essential for generations to come, to maintain our
14 communities and strengthen the bonds that connect us all;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Las Vegas be honored for its musical
17 heritage and that New Mexico highlands university be
18 requested to study the feasibility of establishing a
19 New Mexico music museum in Las Vegas; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to New Mexico highlands university. _____