

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE HOLOCAUST AND INTOLERANCE MUSEUM OF NEW
3 MEXICO AND ITS MISSION TO COMBAT HATE AND INTOLERANCE BY THE
4 PROMOTION OF UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION.

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6 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
7 Mexico was incorporated in 1998 by seventeen founding members
8 led by Werner and Frances "Frankie" Gellert and Julianna
9 Lerner; and

10 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
11 Mexico, located in Albuquerque, opened officially in January
12 2001 and was the first such museum in the southwest to
13 address issues of genocides and forms of bullying that have
14 affected people around the world; and

15 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
16 Mexico is not limited to one religion, culture, geographic
17 area or time in history; and

18 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
19 Mexico's mission is to eliminate hate and intolerance, and it
20 focuses on education with youth as the target audience
21 through outreach to students and teachers; and

22 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
23 Mexico exhibits reflect a history of mankind's cruelty caused
24 by indifference, prejudice and hate; and

25 WHEREAS, about half of the holocaust and intolerance

1 museum of New Mexico focuses on the holocaust and the horrors
2 perpetuated by the Nazis against Jews and other targeted
3 populations, while another portion of the museum is dedicated
4 to other forms of intolerance worldwide; and

5 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
6 Mexico includes exhibits of the African American experience,
7 Armenian genocide in the Ottoman empire and hate in America;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
10 Mexico was the first United States museum to have an exhibit
11 on "Rwanda, the tolerated genocide"; and

12 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
13 Mexico is currently researching and designing an upgraded
14 exhibit on the changing destinies of Native Americans; and

15 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
16 Mexico hosted almost four thousand visitors in 2018, with one
17 thousand eight hundred visitors from New Mexico, one thousand
18 eight hundred twenty-four visitors from other states and one
19 hundred forty-six international visitors; and

20 WHEREAS, group visits included middle and high school
21 students, previously incarcerated adults working on general
22 educational development certificates, road scholars,
23 educational travel groups and others; and

24 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
25 Mexico's education program includes internships for college

1 and high school students, including university of New Mexico
2 political science students who intern with the museum, and
3 has provided several grants to schools throughout the state;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
6 Mexico is actively involved in the community by sponsoring
7 and co-sponsoring a wide variety of events such as lectures,
8 panel discussions, film screenings, plays and dance
9 performances; and

10 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
11 Mexico also distributes a newsletter and makes holocaust
12 teaching materials available to educators statewide; and

13 WHEREAS, the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
14 Mexico deliberately avoids the use of the word "tolerate" in
15 order to encourage individuals to warmly accept one another
16 rather than just tolerate one another;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the holocaust
19 and intolerance museum of New Mexico be recognized for its
20 mission to combat hate and intolerance by the promotion of
21 understanding through education; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the holocaust and intolerance museum of New
24 Mexico. _____