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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
HONORING THEIR LOSS AND SUFFERING.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has one of the highest violent crime
rates in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque ranks in the top ten most violent
United States cities with a population over one hundred
thousand; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the homicide rate for Albuquerque was
at its lowest, with only thirty homicides occurring that
year; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the homicide rate for Albuquerque
increased by forty-six percent to the highest on record, with
one hundred seventeen homicides; and

WHEREAS, victims of violent crime feel frustrated by the
high number of repeat offenders; and

WHEREAS, the high number of repeat violent offenders
causes victims, their family members and the public to feel
unsafe; and

WHEREAS, victims of violent crime and their family
members face trauma, hardships and grief; and

WHEREAS, reparations to crime victims are insufficient
to compensate victims for their comprehensive losses; and

WHEREAS, victims of violent crime deserve honor and

1 access to resources;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that victims of
4 violent crime and their families be honored and recognized
5 for their loss and suffering; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the chair of the crime victims reparation
8 commission.

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