

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 4, 2023 "M.T.O. SHAHMAGHSOUDI SCHOOL OF  
3 ISLAMIC SUFISM DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, the diverse cultural, ethnic, racial and  
6 religious heritage of New Mexicans is a fundamental  
7 characteristic of the community and contributes greatly to  
8 the quality of life in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic  
10 Sufism in Albuquerque is an international nonprofit  
11 organization with a range of community, charitable and  
12 learning initiatives, such as interfaith efforts, disaster  
13 responses, Sufi concentration and meditation practices, Sufi  
14 psychology and arts and culture, including Quran study, music  
15 and youth mentorship and support; and

16 WHEREAS, during the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic,  
17 the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism saw a  
18 growing need in the most vulnerable, including the homeless,  
19 low-income families and the elderly; and

20 WHEREAS, in Albuquerque, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school  
21 of Islamic Sufism was honored for the opportunity to give  
22 back with over five thousand items of personal protective  
23 equipment, such as sewn cotton masks and face shields for  
24 adults and children, that were donated to hospitals, nursing  
25 homes, community centers and homeless and refugee centers;

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2 WHEREAS, one and eight-tenths tons of donated  
3 nonperishable food items were donated to local organizations;  
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5 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic  
6 Sufism has also been active throughout the pandemic with  
7 interfaith activities, including participation and  
8 presentations at interfaith dialogue events and hosting  
9 roundtable events highlighting important topics; and

10 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic  
11 Sufism is an active participant in interfaith groups  
12 addressing sustainability and hunger; and

13 WHEREAS, the school also holds volunteer events at  
14 various pantries, food drives and planting events hosted by  
15 the city of Albuquerque; and

16 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic  
17 Sufism raises awareness of sustainability principles with  
18 events, such as recycled art projects on display at the  
19 Erna Fergusson public library and other recycling events; and

20 WHEREAS, the M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic  
21 Sufism has long been active in the community, whether by  
22 initiating interfaith dialogue to bring greater tolerance and  
23 understanding among different faiths or assisting those in  
24 need;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 4, 2023 be declared "M.T.O.  
2 Shahmaghsoudi School of Islamic Sufism Day" in the senate;  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to M.T.O. Shahmaghsoudi school of Islamic Sufism  
6 in Albuquerque. \_\_\_\_\_

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