

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2023 "NEW MEXICO ARCHITECTS DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects offer solutions that show
6 compassion, creativity, experience and professional education
7 in solving some of the state's complex issues in the built
8 environment; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects are specifically trained
10 and licensed to work on the planning and design of buildings;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, there are more than two thousand three hundred
13 individuals licensed to work as architects in New Mexico,
14 including seven hundred twenty-three licensed architects who
15 call New Mexico home; and

16 WHEREAS, these architects improve the lives of
17 individuals and the vibrancy of communities; and

18 WHEREAS, architects are obligated to protect the health,
19 safety and welfare of a building's occupants, including
20 through sustainable design; and

21 WHEREAS, community sustainability goals are fulfilled in
22 part by an architect's ability to create practical solutions
23 to the challenges posed by climate change, population growth
24 and movement and the pursuit of more connected, healthier
25 communities; and

1 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects recognize that the time
2 for climate action is now and that architects play a crucial
3 role in mitigating and adapting to climate change through
4 sustainable and resilient design, improved energy efficiency
5 and renewable energy, protection of water resources and other
6 sustainability strategies that support mitigation by
7 conserving resources and reducing carbon emissions; and

8 WHEREAS, architects recognize that building construction
9 and operation and construction materials manufacturing
10 creates nearly forty percent of the earth's carbon dioxide
11 emissions, and New Mexico architects support the goal of
12 achieving net-zero emissions through energy efficiency,
13 sustainable material choices and renewable power uses; and

14 WHEREAS, resilient design helps New Mexico communities
15 adapt to evolving conditions, reduce harm and property damage
16 and more effectively and efficiently recover from adverse
17 events, helping to ensure a community's ecological, economic
18 and cultural survival; and

19 WHEREAS, architects can draw upon both sustainability
20 and resilience to become a force of valuable change by
21 transforming the day-to-day practice of architecture to
22 achieve a zero-carbon, equitable, resilient and healthy built
23 environment; and

24 WHEREAS, architects strengthen society by developing
25 equitable living solutions that embody New Mexico's

1 democratic ideals; and

2 WHEREAS, architects bring technical knowledge and
3 responsibility to each project, including knowledge of
4 building and safety regulations, local planning regulations
5 and restrictions, construction and historic preservation; and

6 WHEREAS, the architects of New Mexico are vigilant in
7 the stewardship of many of the state's great architectural
8 and historic treasures;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state recognize that New Mexico
11 architects design better buildings, communities and public
12 spaces that benefit the residents of New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 28, 2023 be
14 declared "New Mexico Architects Day" in the senate; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the American institute of architects of
17 New Mexico.

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