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SENATE MEMORIAL 58

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY AND HONORING THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY ON ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY; REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM MARCH 26, 2023 "ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY DAY".

WHEREAS, Albuquerque was founded in 1706 as the Spanish colonial outpost of Ranchos de Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque's increasing urbanization and floods in the early 1940s prompted studies by the United States army corps of engineers; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 1963, the twenty-sixth legislature passed House Bill 291, which created the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control authority, providing for its

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1 organization, governing body and officers; and

2 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control
3 authority became the local sponsor for the federal flood
4 control projects known as the north diversion channel and the
5 south diversion channel, which capture and divert runoff around
6 downtown Albuquerque and portions of the north and south
7 valleys of Albuquerque; and

8 WHEREAS, over the last sixty years, the Albuquerque
9 metropolitan arroyo flood control authority has designed and
10 constructed innovative projects with a full and complete
11 understanding of the environmental, social and economic
12 impacts, with a priority to return tax dollars to the taxpayers
13 by providing the greatest benefit to all residents of
14 Albuquerque; and

15 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control
16 authority's jurisdiction today covers three hundred fifty-three
17 square miles and protects more than six hundred fifty thousand
18 people; and

19 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control
20 authority constructs a nationally recognized tumbleweed snowman
21 each year along interstate 40, which is seen by hundreds of
22 thousands of people annually and is loved by people near and
23 far;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood

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1 control authority be recognized for the extraordinary history
2 of accomplishments and contributions to the quality of life of
3 the state; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
5 declare March 26, 2023 "Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood
6 Control Authority Day" in honor of its sixtieth anniversary;
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the board of directors of the Albuquerque
10 metropolitan arroyo flood control authority and the governor.