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RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEFINA GAMBOA BIEL EMERSON.

WHEREAS, Josefina Gamboa Biel Emerson, a resident of Dona Ana county, became well-known for her generous hospitality to residents and tourists and for the traditions she founded and fostered, including the luminaria tradition in Mesilla Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Josefina was the keeper of "Josefina's Gate", the adobe gate that marked the entrance to her magnificent home; and

WHEREAS, she would often offer cuttings from her front yard to tourists who stopped to admire the gate; and

WHEREAS, "Josefina's Gate" was the subject of numerous artistic photographs and paintings and was featured in the magazines *Bon Appetit* and *New Mexico Magazine*; and

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