

A JOINT MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING SUNLAND PARK'S EFFORTS TO HAVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ESTABLISH A VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN, NONCOMMERCIAL CUSTOMS PORT OF ENTRY AT THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER BETWEEN CIUDAD JUAREZ-ANAPRA, MEXICO, AND SUNLAND PARK, NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Sunland Park is located at the southernmost part of Dona Ana county, along the international border with the Republic of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Sunland Park has had a federal cattle crossing designation since 1978 and is now preparing necessary documents for consideration by the United States government to establish a vehicle and pedestrian, noncommercial customs port of entry in the immediate proximity of the cattle crossing; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a noncommercial international border crossing at Sunland Park is part of an overall regional master plan strategy and would dramatically open the paseo del norte border region to binational economic and cultural opportunities and activities; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have indicated that a border crossing located at Sunland Park would significantly reduce vehicular congestion and the associated air pollution now affecting the New Mexico-Texas-Chihuahua region caused by the international ports of entry in nearby El Paso, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a border crossing located at Sunland Park will enable the municipality to participate in the state's economic development efforts by actively promoting initiatives designed to attract trade, commercial development, tourists and international projects that are currently channeled through the ports of entry in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it fully endorse and support the establishment of a vehicle and pedestrian, noncommercial customs port of entry at the international border between Ciudad Juarez-Anapra, Mexico, and Sunland Park, New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Mexico congressional delegation be requested to actively assist Sunland Park's efforts to have the federal government open a vehicle and pedestrian, noncommercial customs port of entry in Sunland Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the city council of Sunland Park and members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.