

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THAT THE ANCIENT MACEDONIANS WERE HELLENES AND THAT THE INHABITANTS OF MACEDONIA TODAY ARE HELLENIC DESCENDANTS AND PART OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCE OF GREECE, MACEDONIA.

WHEREAS, Philip of Macedonia, his son, Alexander the Great, and Alexander's tutor, Aristotle, were born and raised in the northern province of Greece, Macedonia; and

WHEREAS, the language and culture of the ancient Macedonians, the ancestors of the inhabitants of northern Greece of today, were Hellenic; and

WHEREAS, the Macedonians, like the rest of the Hellenes in antiquity, believed in the twelve gods of Olympus and participated with their fellow Hellenes in the Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, Pella, the palace where Alexander the Great was born, and Vergina, the burial site of the Macedonian kings, are all located in northern Greece; and

WHEREAS, the history of ancient Macedonia has been Hellenic for the last three thousand years and continues to be today;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the ancient Macedonians be recognized as Hellenes and that the inhabitants

of the northern province of Greece, Macedonia, be recognized as their Hellenic descendants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the Pan-Macedonian association.