

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF THE NEW MEXICO MUSEUM
3 OF ART; CELEBRATING THE MUSEUM'S SINGULAR ROLE IN THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS IN NEW MEXICO; REQUESTING THE
5 GOVERNOR TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 25, 2017 "NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF
6 ART CENTENNIAL DAY" TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY
7 OF THE NEW MEXICO MUSEUM OF ART.

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9 WHEREAS, in the early twentieth century, New Mexico
10 museum of art founder Edgar Lee Hewett, patron Frank Springer
11 and the state legislature had the foresight and vision to
12 create a state-of-the-art museum dedicated to the visual arts
13 in newly established New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, the art gallery of the museum of New Mexico,
15 now known as the New Mexico museum of art, was dedicated on
16 November 25, 1917, and the construction of the museum
17 illustrated a belief and understanding that the arts make a
18 significant contribution to civic life; and

19 WHEREAS, the New Mexico museum of art's ground-breaking
20 open-door policy created a supportive environment for artists
21 working in New Mexico, attracting artists to the state from
22 around the country, and helped to make Santa Fe and New
23 Mexico important cultural destinations; and

24 WHEREAS, the New Mexico museum of art provided a venue
25 and platform to expose the rich tradition of New Mexico arts

1 and culture to the world; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico museum of art continues today to
3 attract both artists and visitors to New Mexico, contributing
4 to the national reputation of the state as a thriving arts
5 center and serving as a key component of New Mexico's vibrant
6 cultural economy and tourism industry; and

7 WHEREAS, no state is more culturally rich than New
8 Mexico, where the blending and cross-influence of Native
9 American, Hispanic and European-based cultures have created a
10 unique environment for art and artists, unlike anywhere else
11 in the world; and

12 WHEREAS, for nearly a century, the New Mexico museum of
13 art and its St. Francis auditorium have been a gathering
14 place for significant cultural, private and civic events,
15 including the New Mexico governor's awards for excellence in
16 the arts; and

17 WHEREAS, the New Mexico museum of art's collections and
18 exhibitions allow people in the state and from around the
19 world to discover the richness of arts and culture New Mexico
20 has to offer; and

21 WHEREAS, the New Mexico museum of art's influence
22 extends to its buildings, inspired by the Spanish mission
23 churches in the Pueblos of Acoma, Laguna and San Felipe; and

24 WHEREAS, this "new old Santa Fe style" is credited with
25 introducing what has become known as pueblo revival

1 architecture, for which New Mexico is now renowned;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the many
4 contributions of the New Mexico museum of art to the
5 development, preservation and appreciation of the arts in New
6 Mexico be recognized; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2017 centennial
8 anniversary of the New Mexico museum of art and its
9 distinguished history be recognized and celebrated; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
11 declare November 25, 2017 "New Mexico Museum of Art
12 Centennial Day" in New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the governor and the secretary of cultural
15 affairs.

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