

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER FOR
3 BECOMING THE MOST-VISITED HISPANIC OR LATINO CULTURAL
4 INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED STATES.

5
6 WHEREAS, the national Hispanic cultural center, the
7 principal facility of the Hispanic cultural division of the
8 cultural affairs department, opened in October 2000 and is
9 devoted to the preservation, promotion and advancement of
10 Hispanic arts, culture and humanities; and

11 WHEREAS, the national Hispanic cultural center mounts
12 over seven hundred events and many exhibits each year in its
13 three theaters, art museum, library, classrooms and open
14 spaces; and

15 WHEREAS, over the past eighteen years, the national
16 Hispanic cultural center has served over two million five
17 hundred fifty thousand people at its campus in Albuquerque,
18 New Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2017, the national Hispanic
20 cultural center served over two hundred twenty-six thousand
21 people on its campus and a total of two hundred eighty
22 thousand people through on-site and off-site offerings
23 combined; and

24 WHEREAS, twenty-four thousand of those served by the
25 national Hispanic cultural center in fiscal year 2017 were

1 school-aged children who visited the center for educational
2 programming with their schools and families; and

3 WHEREAS, more than twenty-two thousand eight hundred of
4 those served by the national Hispanic cultural center are
5 overnight visitors to Albuquerque who contribute more than
6 six million six hundred thousand dollars (\$6,600,000) to the
7 tourism economy of Bernalillo county annually in connection
8 with their visits to the center; and

9 WHEREAS, with its fiscal year 2017 visitorship, the
10 national Hispanic cultural center is now the most-visited
11 Hispanic or Latino cultural institution in the United States
12 by more than twenty thousand people;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the national Hispanic cultural
15 center be recognized for its achievement in becoming the
16 most-visited Hispanic or Latino cultural institution in the
17 United States; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs and to the
20 board of directors of the national Hispanic cultural center.==

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