

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 30, 2020 "NEW MEXICO ARCHITECTS DAY" IN THE
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects offer solutions that
6 showcase passion, creativity, experience and professional
7 education in solving some of the state's most complex issues
8 in the built environment; and

9 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects are specifically trained
10 and licensed to work on the planning and design of buildings;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, there are seven hundred seven licensed
13 architects in New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, these architects improve the lives of
15 individuals and the vibrancy of communities; and

16 WHEREAS, architects strengthen society by developing
17 equitable living solutions that embody New Mexico's
18 democratic ideals and that support health, safety and welfare
19 as ethical imperatives; and

20 WHEREAS, architects bring technical knowledge and
21 responsibility to each project, including knowledge of
22 building and safety regulations, local planning regulations
23 and restrictions, construction and historic preservation; and

24 WHEREAS, the architects of New Mexico are vigilant in
25 the stewardship of many of the state's great architectural

1 and historic treasures; and

2 WHEREAS, architects are obligated to protect the health,
3 safety and welfare of a building's occupants, including
4 through sustainable design; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects recognize that
6 sustainability is a key element of design in the twenty-first
7 century as the state tackles the compounding global
8 challenges of resource availability, water quality and
9 increasing pollution; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects prioritize and support
11 positive actions to effectively reduce the production of
12 greenhouse gases contributing to climate change; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects work to design and
14 construct buildings that can combat the greenhouse effect to
15 improve chances of repairing our planet while creating a
16 healthy, resilient and regenerative future; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects work globally to help
18 reduce operational and embodied greenhouse gas production by
19 employing passive design techniques, taking energy efficiency
20 measures, adapting existing buildings and specifying
21 low-impact building materials that increase human health and
22 productivity, while withstanding the effects of a changing
23 climate; and

24 WHEREAS, community sustainability goals are fulfilled in
25 part by an architect's ability to create practical solutions

1 to the challenges posed by climate change, population growth
2 and movement and the pursuit of more connected, healthier
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects make business and
5 financial cases to help clients better understand, support
6 and integrate renewable energy sources into building plans,
7 making them more sustainable, resilient and economical; and

8 WHEREAS, sustainable design helps to ensure a
9 community's ecological, economic and cultural survival;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state recognize that New Mexico
12 architects design better homes, communities and public spaces
13 that benefit the residents of New Mexico; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 30, 2020 be declared
15 "New Mexico Architects Day" in the senate; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the American institute of architects of
18 New Mexico. _____

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