

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
3 HONORING THEIR LOSS AND SUFFERING.

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5 WHEREAS, victims of violent crime not only bear the
6 burden of the crime, they often have to relive the event
7 multiple times during any prosecution; and

8 WHEREAS, victims of violent crime too often have to
9 relive their experience again when they see their perpetrator
10 has inflicted the same pain on others; and

11 WHEREAS, the high rate of crime and the high number of
12 repeat violent offenders cause victims, their families and
13 the public to feel unsafe; and

14 WHEREAS, victims of violent crime and their families
15 face trauma, hardships and grief; and

16 WHEREAS, victims of violent crime deserve respect, honor
17 and an expression of sorrow for their pain and suffering;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that victims of
20 violent crime and their families be honored and recognized
21 for their loss and suffering; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the chair of the crime victims reparation
24 commission. _____