

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE HISTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE
3 METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY AND HONORING THE
4 ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY ON
5 ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY; REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROCLAIM
6 MARCH 26, 2023 "ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL
7 AUTHORITY DAY".

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9 WHEREAS, Albuquerque was founded in 1706 as the Spanish
10 colonial outpost of Ranchos de Albuquerque; and

11 WHEREAS, Albuquerque's increasing urbanization and
12 floods in the early 1940s prompted studies by the
13 United States army corps of engineers; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 26, 1963, the twenty-sixth legislature
15 passed House Bill 291, which created the Albuquerque
16 metropolitan arroyo flood control authority, providing for
17 its organization, governing body and officers; and

18 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood
19 control authority became the local sponsor for the federal
20 flood control projects known as the north diversion channel
21 and the south diversion channel, which capture and divert
22 runoff around downtown Albuquerque and portions of the north
23 and south valleys of Albuquerque; and

24 WHEREAS, over the last sixty years, the Albuquerque
25 metropolitan arroyo flood control authority has designed and

1 constructed innovative projects with a full and complete
2 understanding of the environmental, social and economic
3 impacts, with a priority to return tax dollars to the
4 taxpayers by providing the greatest benefit to all residents
5 of Albuquerque; and

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood
7 control authority's jurisdiction today covers three hundred
8 fifty-three square miles and protects more than six hundred
9 fifty thousand people; and

10 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood
11 control authority constructs a nationally recognized
12 tumbleweed snowman each year along interstate 40, which is
13 seen by hundreds of thousands of people annually and is loved
14 by people near and far;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo
17 flood control authority be recognized for the extraordinary
18 history of accomplishments and contributions to the quality
19 of life of the state; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to
21 declare March 26, 2023 "Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood
22 Control Authority Day" in honor of its sixtieth anniversary;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the board of directors of the Albuquerque

1 metropolitan arroyo flood control authority and the

2 governor. _____

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