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SENATE MEMORIAL 56

**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2023 "NEW MEXICO ARCHITECTS DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico architects offer solutions that show compassion, creativity, experience and professional education in solving some of the state's complex issues in the built environment; and

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

WHEREAS, there are more than two thousand three hundred individuals licensed to work as architects in New Mexico, including seven hundred twenty-three licensed architects who call New Mexico home; and

WHEREAS, these architects improve the lives of individuals

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1 and the vibrancy of communities; and

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

5 WHEREAS, community sustainability goals are fulfilled in  
6 part by an architect's ability to create practical solutions to  
7 the challenges posed by climate change, population growth and  
8 movement and the pursuit of more connected, healthier  
9 communities; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico architects recognize that the time for  
11 climate action is now and that architects play a crucial role  
12 in mitigating and adapting to climate change through  
13 sustainable and resilient design, improved energy efficiency  
14 and renewable energy, protection of water resources and other  
15 sustainability strategies that support mitigation by conserving  
16 resources and reducing carbon emissions; and

17 WHEREAS, architects recognize that building construction  
18 and operation and construction materials manufacturing creates  
19 nearly forty percent of the earth's carbon dioxide emissions,  
20 and New Mexico architects support the goal of achieving  
21 net-zero emissions through energy efficiency, sustainable  
22 material choices and renewable power uses; and

23 WHEREAS, resilient design helps New Mexico communities  
24 adapt to evolving conditions, reduce harm and property damage  
25 and more effectively and efficiently recover from adverse

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1 events, helping to ensure a community's ecological, economic  
2 and cultural survival; and

3 WHEREAS, architects can draw upon both sustainability and  
4 resilience to become a force of valuable change by transforming  
5 the day-to-day practice of architecture to achieve a zero-  
6 carbon, equitable, resilient and healthy built environment; and

7 WHEREAS, architects strengthen society by developing  
8 equitable living solutions that embody New Mexico's democratic  
9 ideals; and

10 WHEREAS, architects bring technical knowledge and  
11 responsibility to each project, including knowledge of building  
12 and safety regulations, local planning regulations and  
13 restrictions, construction and historic preservation; and

14 WHEREAS, the architects of New Mexico are vigilant in the  
15 stewardship of many of the state's great architectural and  
16 historic treasures;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
18 OF NEW MEXICO that the state recognize that New Mexico  
19 architects design better buildings, communities and public  
20 spaces that benefit the residents of New Mexico; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 28, 2023 be declared  
22 "New Mexico Architects Day" in the senate; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the American institute of architects of New  
25 Mexico.

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