

1 A MEMORIAL

2 SUPPORTING THE NEW MEXICO SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND ITS
3 CREATION OF A REPORT IDENTIFYING ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
4 LAST TEN YEARS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

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6 WHEREAS, in 2008, the New Mexico legislature passed
7 Senate Bill 34, which enacted the New Mexico School for the
8 Arts Act, allowing for the creation of a statewide,
9 residential state-chartered charter high school for the arts;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in January 2009, the public education
12 commission issued a charter to the New Mexico school for the
13 arts, and the school opened in August 2010 and has served
14 seven hundred eighty students from eighteen counties and
15 sixty-eight communities across the state since its inception;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the New Mexico school for the arts has operated
18 a residential program since August 2010 that provides access
19 to the school to students statewide and has allowed one
20 hundred students to attend the school under the residential
21 program since its inception; and

22 WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States department of
23 education designated the New Mexico school for the arts as a
24 national blue ribbon school, one of the nation's highest
25 honors in education, for its success in closing the

1 achievement gap; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico school for the arts has
3 consistently earned the highest school rankings for academic
4 success from the public education department for the past ten
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, in celebration of its tenth anniversary, the
7 New Mexico school for the arts will convene a group to create
8 a report of the school's accomplishments and plans for its
9 continued success and sustainability;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the house of
12 representatives recognize the accomplishments of the New
13 Mexico school for the arts as a school of excellence in arts
14 and academics for students statewide; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker of the house of
16 representatives be requested to nominate two members of the
17 house of representatives to support the New Mexico school for
18 the arts in its efforts to complete its report of
19 accomplishments and future plans; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the report be
21 submitted to the New Mexico legislative council when
22 completed; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
25 council, the secretary of public education and the president

1 of the governing council of the New Mexico school for the

2 arts. _____

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