

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING TED TURNER AND THE TURNER FOUNDATION FOR THEIR
3 VISION, GENEROSITY AND STEWARDSHIP OF NEW MEXICO'S LANDS AND
4 WILDLIFE.

5
6 WHEREAS, New Mexico's Ted Turner is the state's largest
7 private landowner, owning more than one million one hundred
8 thousand acres in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Ted Turner has acquired sixteen ranches in six
10 western states totaling one million eighty-five thousand
11 acres; and

12 WHEREAS, Ted Turner has converted his historic ranches
13 into nature reserves and opened his New Mexico properties to
14 the public because he wishes to share his love of nature and
15 discovery; and

16 WHEREAS, Ted Turner's appreciation for nature runs deep,
17 compelling him to work tirelessly, giving millions of dollars
18 through his charitable foundations to improve air and water
19 quality, develop a sustainable energy future to protect the
20 climate, safeguard environmental health and protect wildlife
21 and habitats to maintain biodiversity; and

22 WHEREAS, Ted Turner's many titles are as diverse and
23 impressive as his renowned legacy itself: founder of a cable
24 news network, professional sports team owner, sailing
25 champion, restaurateur, philanthropist and conservationist,

1 just to name a few; and

2 WHEREAS, Ted Turner's reserves collaborate with the
3 important environmental preservation and wildlife restoration
4 projects funded by the Turner foundation and the Turner
5 endangered species fund; and

6 WHEREAS, Vermejo reserve is located in northern
7 New Mexico and features snowcapped alpine tundra, nineteen
8 fishable lakes and more than five hundred fifty thousand
9 stunning acres of picturesque lands; and

10 WHEREAS, Sierra Grande lodge and spa, in Truth or
11 Consequences, is a serene hotel resting on mineral-rich
12 geothermal springs where the legendary healing traditions
13 first established by the region's Native Americans are
14 honored; and

15 WHEREAS, Ladder ranch, nestled in a natural oasis
16 situated by four Rio Grande tributaries, is located at
17 Caballo and surrounded by sweeping landscapes; and

18 WHEREAS, Armendaris ranch, located in south central
19 New Mexico, embraces three hundred sixty thousand acres
20 located in the Chihuahuan desert; and

21 WHEREAS, the Turner ranches strive to balance ranching
22 commerce with conservation, and with the preservation of land
23 and native species; and

24 WHEREAS, Ted Turner has also committed himself and his
25 resources to restoration of the bison populations in the

1 Americas; and

2 WHEREAS, the Turner herd of American bison now totals
3 over fifty thousand head and is the largest private bison
4 herd in the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Ted Turner has worked to restore populations of
6 endangered species such as the Boston tortoise,
7 Chiricahua leopard frog, Rio Grande cutthroat trout,
8 bighorn sheep, Mexican grey wolf and others on his New Mexico
9 properties; and

10 WHEREAS, sustainable tourism best practices are upheld
11 throughout the Turner properties; and

12 WHEREAS, Ted Turner hopes that those visiting his
13 properties will develop a deeper appreciation for, and
14 awareness of, what the earth has to offer and, just as
15 importantly, a shared responsibility for the well-being of
16 the environment; and

17 WHEREAS, since the branding of Ted Turner reserves in
18 2019, this hospitality organization has contributed more than
19 two million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$2,800,000) in
20 tax revenues to the state; and

21 WHEREAS, the Turner foundation welcomes numerous student
22 groups from across the state to the reserves to engage with
23 biologists and guides for hands-on learning opportunities;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Turner foundation has contributed nearly

1 one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in
2 grants to various youth, conservation and education
3 organizations in New Mexico; and

4 WHEREAS, the Turner foundation will continue to reinvest
5 in the area by developing Ted Turner reserves' infrastructure
6 within New Mexico, such as a recent central reservations
7 office that supports all of the guest properties; and

8 WHEREAS, as stewards of spectacular and biodiverse
9 lands, the passion of the people at Ted Turner reserves is to
10 share the transformative power of nature with guests through
11 authentic and meaningful experiences at the unique wilderness
12 properties; and

13 WHEREAS, Ted Turner is committed to restoring, sharing
14 and safeguarding America's wild places for future generations
15 while providing an inspiring guest experience that showcases
16 the planet's national treasures; and

17 WHEREAS, Ted Turner embodies the mission statement of
18 Ted Turner reserves: "connecting people with nature"; and

19 WHEREAS, Ted Turner's commitment to New Mexico's lands
20 and wildlife species has passed to his children and
21 grandchildren to ensure that his commitment to New Mexico and
22 throughout the west survives and thrives;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Ted Turner and the Turner foundation
25 be recognized for their vision, generosity and stewardship of

1 New Mexico's lands and wildlife; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

3 transmitted to Ted Turner and the Turner foundation.

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