CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. <u>R-14-73</u> ENACTMENT NO.

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1 RESOLUTION 2 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL 3 AGREEMENT WITH BERNALILLO COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING A HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH 4 5 MENTAL ILLNESS BEING RELEASED FROM THE METROPOLITAN 6 DETENTION CENTER AND DESIGNATING \$200.000 FOR A PILOT PROJECT. 7 WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted M-14-5 affirming the seriousness 8 of the mental health crisis within the State of New Mexico and Bernalillo 9 County; and WHEREAS, a 2006 Bureau of Justice Statistics report estimated that 64% of 10 Deletion 11 persons who were incarcerated had a mental health problem; and 12 WHEREAS, there are approximately 970 individuals on the Psych Services Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] -5 1 0 6 8 2 9 5 7 1 2 7 1 0 6 8 2 9 5 7 1 2 Unit caseload at the Metropolitan Detention Center; and WHEREAS, several studies have shown that mental illness among incarcerated persons is associated with higher incidences of homelessness and that these individuals have mental health and substance abuse issues at 10% – 22% higher rates than incarcerated persons without prior homelessness; and WHEREAS, persons incarcerated at the Metropolitan Detention Center receive physical and mental health care but upon release these services often are no longer available; and WHEREAS, the County of Bernalillo is desirous of collaborating with the 23 City of Albuquerque in providing housing, behavioral health and social 24 services to persons with mental illness upon release from MDC; and 25 WHEREAS, the City has significant experience in administering housing

26 programs based on the Housing First model; and

1 WHEREAS, the City Council, through M-14-5, has established a Task Force 2 that will identify needs and opportunities for service strategies that will benefit 3 our community, including addressing the mental health crisis and 4 homelessness. 5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY 6 **OF ALBUQUERQUE:** 7 Section 1. That the Mayor is authorized to enter into an 8 Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Bernalillo to establish a 9 cooperative and collaborative working relationship to develop a pilot project 10 to address the mental health needs of persons who are homeless and being 11 released from the Metropolitan Detention Center. 12 Section 2. That \$200,000 is hereby designated in the FY/15 General Fund

Budget (R-14-47, Exhibit A, "Supportive Services to the Homeless, To Be
Determined" line item) for this purpose.

Section 3. That within six months of implementation, the pilot project will
be evaluated by the Working Group of the Task Force. The Working Group
shall establish criteria to determine the pilot project's effectiveness.

Section 4. That the City Council is committed to the collaborative
process outlined in M-14-5 involving the Task Force to develop service
strategies that will benefit not only our community but especially people with
mental health issues.

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