

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTIETH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-13-189

ENACTMENT NO. R-2013-DS4

SPONSORED BY: Don Harris, Ken Sanchez

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RESOLUTION

2 **DECLARING THE FOURTH SATURDAY IN JUNE "ALBUQUERQUE ADOPTION**
3 **APPRECIATION DAY" TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES OF CHILDREN**
4 **YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT ("CYFD") ADOPTIONS AND FOR THE**
5 **FAMILIES THAT ADOPT CHILDREN ON NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY.**

6 **WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise**
7 **awareness of the 129,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent,**
8 **loving families; and**

9 **WHEREAS, for the last eight years, National Adoption Day has made the**
10 **dreams of thousands of children come true by working with courts, judges,**
11 **attorneys, adoption professionals, child welfare agencies and advocates to**
12 **finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for children in foster**
13 **care; and**

14 **WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is celebrated in all 50 states, the District**
15 **of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and more than 300 events are held each year**
16 **throughout the country to finalize the adoptions of children in foster care, and**
17 **to celebrate all families who adopt; and**

18 **WHEREAS, adoption provides benefits to society as a whole by allowing**
19 **children to join established families who are ready to raise children; and**

20 **WHEREAS, adoptive families also benefit from adoption, many couples**
21 **who are childless, who are unable to have more children, or want to bring**
22 **another child into their home are overjoyed by the opportunity to welcome a**
23 **new member into their family through adoption; and**

24 **WHEREAS, 35 children were adopted in Albuquerque on November 17,**
25 **2012, as part of National Adoption Day; and**

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1 **WHEREAS, there are more than 2,000 foster children in New Mexico waiting**
2 **to be adopted.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
4 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

5 **Section 1. The City Council hereby recognizes and shows its appreciation**
6 **and support to those families who have adopted children from foster care**
7 **through the Children Youth and Families Department ("CYFD") and seeks to**
8 **encourage more families to adopt foster children.**

9 **Section 2. The City Council hereby proclaims the 4th Saturday of June,**
10 **"Albuquerque Adoption Appreciation Day" as a day for the City of**
11 **Albuquerque and all of its citizens to recognize and show their appreciation**
12 **and support to these families.**

13 **Section 3. The City shall provide annual passes to the Zoo, Biopark, and**
14 **Explora to families of children who are adopted in Bernalillo County on**
15 **National Adoption Day, whether or not the children were from private**
16 **adoptions or CYFD adoptions, and the City shall provide annual passes to the**
17 **Zoo, Biopark, and Explora to families of children who are adopted in Bernalillo**
18 **County through the Children Youth and Families Department ("CYFD")**
19 **whether or not the adoption occurs on National Adoption Day. The annual**
20 **passes must be claimed within sixty days of the end of the month in which the**
21 **family obtains their Adoption Certificate.**

22 **Section 4. The Administration is encouraged to hold a separate event at**
23 **the Zoo for families with children currently in foster care, but the event will not**
24 **be publicized due to the confidentiality laws regarding children in foster care.**

25 **Section 5. Up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) is hereby designated**
26 **within the City Council Projects activity to carry out the purposes of this**
27 **resolution.**

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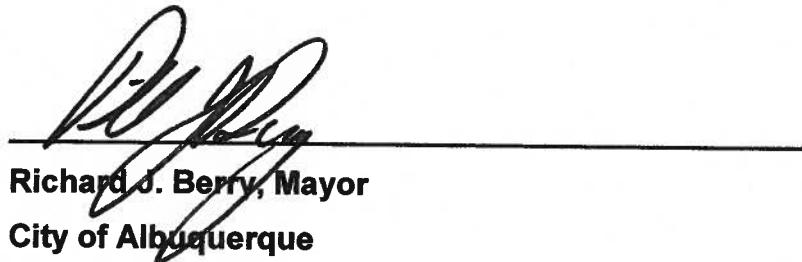
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2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

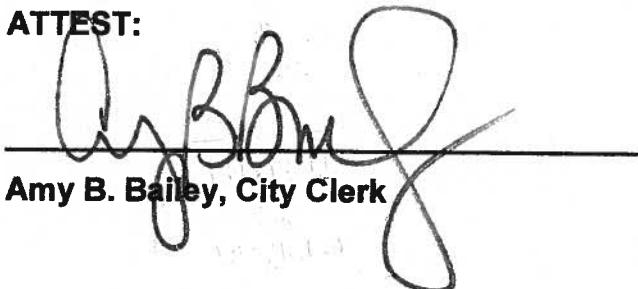
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Daniel P. Lewis, President
City Council

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12 APPROVED THIS 21st DAY OF June, 2013
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20 Richard J. Berry, Mayor
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22 City of Albuquerque

23 ATTEST:
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26 Amy B. Bailey, City Clerk
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