CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

CO	UNCIL	BILL NO. R-20-14 ENACTMENT NO.		
SPONSORED BY: Benton, Peña, Borrego				
	1	RESOLUTION		
	2	RENAMING BRIDGE BOULEVARD WITHIN THE ALBUQUERQUE CITY LIMITS,		
	3	FROM 4 TH STREET SW TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE RIO GRANDE RIVER,		
	4	AVENIDA DOLORES HUERTA.		
	5	WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta is a co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the		
	6	National Farmworkers Association, which later became the United Farm		
	7	Workers (UFW); and		
	8	WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta was born into a Mexican immigrant family on		
	9	April 10 th , 1930 in the Mining Town of Dawson, New Mexico to Juan Ferñandez		
	10	and Alicia Chavez; and		
on O	11	WHEREAS, Dolores as a young girl witnessed the importance of social		
ij - New - Deletion	12	action and pursuing labor rights. Both of her grandfathers worked as miners		
=1		in Dawson, and her uncle perished in one of two mine explosions in Dawson		
	14	that killed over 350 miners. Dolores's father worked as a miner, farm worker,		
Aate Aate	15	union activist, and served as a New Mexico State Legislator. In Stockton		
	16	California when Dolores was 10, her mother helped organize a cannery strike		
10 TO	17	and instilled in Dolores a passion for community and civic engagement; and		
	18	WHEREAS, Dolores's activism began when she was a student and		
	19	experienced racial biases first-hand, leading her to pioneering civil rights		
	20	movements in later years, including co-founding the United Farm Workers,		
	21	becoming a leader in organizing the 1965 Delano Grape Strike and negotiating		
	22	the groundbreaking workers' contract that resulted from the strike. In the		
	23	1970's she coordinated a national lettuce boycott and worked to pass the 1975		
	24	Agricultural Relations Act, the first law to institute the rights of farm workers		

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to bargain collectively.

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1	WHEREAS, a phrase Dolores coined, "Sí se puede" (Yes, we can), had
2	two lives — as a rallying cry in the '60s for Latino workers seeking basic
3	rights, and as the galvanizing political slogan, translated into English, that
4	aided the 2008 election of the first black president of the United States; and
5	WHEREAS, Bridge Boulevard historically was an east west river crossing
6	that connected west Central Avenue to Yale Boulevard. In 1996 the section of
7	Bridge Boulevard from 4 th Street to Yale was renamed Avenida Cesar Chavez,
8	in honor of Dolores's fellow co-founder of the United Farm Workers Union;
9	and
10	WHEREAS, renaming segments of Bridge Boulevard after Dolores Huerta
11	honors the life and work of Dolores Huerta in conjunction with that of Cesar
12	Chavez and creates a permanent public reminder of the gains in human
13	dignity achieved for the members of the United Farm Workers through the
14	work of the Union; and
15	WHEREAS, Bernalillo County completed the public process for changing
16	the name of Bridge Boulevard to Avenida Dolores Huerta, without public
17	opposition, and the County Commission approved a resolution renaming the
18	portion of Bridge Boulevard in the unincorporated County, from the Rio
19	Grande to Isleta Boulevard, Avenida Dolores Huerta; and
20	WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque per City Ordinance §6-5-14 can
21	commence the public process to change a street name upon application by
22	any person; and
23	WHEREAS, the non-profit organization Las Mujeres Inc. submitted a
24	request to the City Engineer to change the name of Bridge Boulevard to
25	Avenida Dolores Huerta from 4 th Street west to the County line, where Bridge
26	Boulevard has already been renamed Avenida Dolores Huerta; and
27	WHEREAS, in November 2019 the City of Albuquerque Planning
28	Department sent notice of the request to adjacent property owners, interested
29	City Departments, and other agencies including private utilities and the US
30	Postal Service and received no comments or objections to the request.
31	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF

	1	Section 1. In recognition of Dolores Huerta's contributions to social
	2	justice and human rights, Bridge Boulevard from 4 th Street SW to the west side
	3	of the Rio Grande river is hereby renamed Avenida Dolores Huerta.
	4	Section 2. The Administration is hereby directed to install new street
	5	signs reflecting this renaming prior to the Cesar Chavez March and Fiesta on
	6	March 28, 2020.
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