

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. M-23-9 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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MEMORIAL

2 URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER ADOPTION
3 OF THE LOWRIDER AS THE OFFICIAL STATE CAR IN THE 2024 STATE
4 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

5 WHEREAS, lowriding is deeply ingrained in the culture of the Southwest
6 and woven into the cultural fabric and heritage of the State of New Mexico;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, lowriders serve as a catalyst for embracing and valuing the
9 cultural diversity and history of the State of New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, lowriders deserve recognition as not only a unique mode of
11 transportation but as beautiful pieces of art and self-expression; and

12 WHEREAS, lowriders are a cultural heirloom of Hispanic and Chicano
13 traditions and long lines of families; and

14 WHEREAS, communities located along the Historic Route 66 like
15 Albuquerque and Santa Fe have a rich lowrider history and Espanola is often
16 considered as the Lowrider Capital of the World; and

17 WHEREAS, lowriders have served the City of Albuquerque as a bridge
18 between the local lowrider community, law enforcement, youth, and
19 community at large; and

20 WHEREAS, the lowrider is a symbol and sets an example of slow, safe, and
21 responsible driving; and

22 WHEREAS, lowriders have the power to serve the State of New Mexico as a
23 literal and figurative vehicle for change; and

24 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has taken legislative measures to
25 embrace lowrider culture and activate economic development opportunities
26 that would have otherwise not been fully realized; and

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1 WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has also embraced lowrider culture for
2 its contribution to the State's tourism industry; and

3 WHEREAS, State of New Mexico does not have an official car; and

4 WHEREAS, the adoption of a state symbol is accomplished by an act of the
5 legislature; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Michael Padilla and Representative Art De La Cruz
7 have already agreed to sponsor legislation designating the lowrider as the
8 State of New Mexico's official car.

9 BE IT MEMORIALIZED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
10 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:

11 SECTION 1. The Albuquerque City Council urges the New Mexico State
12 Legislature to consider adoption of the lowrider as the official state car.

13 SECTION 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Memorial
14 to the City of Albuquerque State Legislative Delegation, the New Mexico
15 Legislature, the New Mexico Tourism Department, the Governor of New
16 Mexico, and other appropriate state agencies.

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