

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-14-37 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton & Brad Winter

1 RESOLUTION

2 RENAMING THE EXISTING CATCH AND RELEASE POND AT TINGLEY BEACH
3 AS THE BOB GERDING CATCH AND RELEASE POND IN HONOR OF BOB
4 GERDING'S DISTINGUISHED LEGACY AS A FISHING AND OUTDOOR
5 ENTHUSIAST AND AMBASSADOR, AND IN PARTICULAR AS A STEWARD
6 AND ADVOCATE FOR FISHING AT TINGLEY BEACH.

7 **WHEREAS, the Catch and Release Pond at Tingley Beach is a community**
8 **fishing pond located within the Albuquerque BioPark; and**

9 **WHEREAS, the Catch and Release Pond is the southern-most pond at**
10 **Tingley Beach, and designated as Special Trout Water for catch and release**
11 **only; and**

12 WHEREAS, Bob Gerding was part of a “Citizens Task Force,” together with
13 local radio personality TJ Trout, where they advocated on behalf of and made
14 recommendations for improvements to the Catch and Release Pond and
15 hosted fishing derbies together; and

16 **WHEREAS, Bob Gerding died on December 18, 2013, at the age of 75 after a**
17 **battle with cancer; and**

18 WHEREAS, during his life Bob Gerding was known as “New Mexico’s
19 Ambassador to the Outdoors,” and hosted the weekly hunting and fishing
20 program, “WILD New Mexico,” which aired on KASA-TV Channel 2, and KRQE-
21 TV, Channel 13; and

22 WHEREAS, Bob Gerding's weekly fishing reports and tips were part of the
23 94-Rock morning radio program for years when it was hosted by T.J. Trout
24 and he wrote books on fly tying and fly fishing and taught clinics on those
25 topics; and

1 WHEREAS, for 15 years he produced Bob Gerding's Outdoor Adventures
2 Hunting & Fishing Show, a three day extravaganza each February at Expo New
3 Mexico that drew hunting and fishing vendors, outfitters and lodge
4 representatives from as far away as Australia and South Africa; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Gerding was widely known for his easy-going personality,
6 patience, and modesty, and his goal was to make people aware of all of the
7 outdoor activities available in New Mexico.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
9 ALBUQUERQUE:

10 Section 1. The existing Catch and Release Pond at Tingley Beach shall be
11 renamed the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond in honor of his long and
12 distinguished legacy as a fishing and outdoor enthusiast and ambassador,
13 and in particular as a steward and advocate for fishing at Tingley Beach.

14 Section 2. The City of Albuquerque Cultural Services Department is hereby
15 directed to sign the pond as the Bob Gerding Catch and Release Pond and to
16 amend, as quickly as is reasonable, applicable City maps or lists to reflect the
17 name change.

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