CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY- SECOND COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-17-173 **ENACTMENT NO.** Ken Sanchez, Klarissa Peña, Isaac Benton SPONSORED BY: 1 RESOLUTION 2 NAMING THE EXISTING STAGE AND BUILDINGS AT CIVIC PLAZA AS THE "AL 3 HURRICANE SR. PAVILLION AT CIVIC PLAZA" IN HONOR OF AL HURRICANE 4 SR., THE GODFATHER OF NEW MEXICO MUSIC, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND 5 COMMITMENT TO OUR GREAT CITY AND STATE AND FOR HIS REMARKABLE SIX DECADE MUSIC CAREER. 6 7 WHEREAS, Civic Plaza was created in 1974 to host outdoor events in the 8 heart of Albuquerque and is the largest public space in the center of 9 downtown, with a sizable performance stage set to entertain up to 20,000 10 people; and Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New 11 WHEREAS, Alberto Nelson Sanchez, "Al Hurricane", a native New Mexican, 12 is an American singer-songwriter who has released more than thirty albums Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] -13 throughout his career of over six decades. He is best known for his 14 contributions to New Mexico's unique style of Spanish music. Al received his 15 nickname Hurricane, as a child as he was often accidentally knocking things 16 over. The nickname became part of his musical career and image; and 17 WHEREAS, AI Hurricane often performs with several of his children, AI 18 Hurricane, Jr., Jerry Dean, and daughter Erika, as well as with his brothers 19 Baby Gaby and Tiny Morrie. Al is known as a great family member to his 20 immediate family as well as to his New Mexican family of fans; and 21 WHEREAS, AI was the first of four children to Jose Margarito and Bennie 22 Sanchez, who had a band of their own called Los Sanchez. While supporting 23 his family as a miner, Jose, Al's father, still found time to teach Alberto how to 24 play the guitar, and his mother found time to teach him songs and be his 25 biggest fan; and

	3	lasted more than six decades. Al Hurricane has performed alongside the
	4	greats of music, including Fats Domino, Marvin Gaye, Chuck Berry, Jimmy
	5	Clanton, and Chubby Checker; and
	6	WHEREAS, Al Hurricane has always loved music and turned to it in the
	7	good and challenging times of his life. He has performed throughout the
	8	United States and in Spain, Mexico, Argentina and Paraguay, but has stayed
	9	true to his New Mexican roots. All generations of New Mexicans can relate to
	10	and love his music. Al contributes his success to his fans of Albuquerque and
	11	New Mexico as a whole; and
	12	WHEREAS, The Al Hurricane Band concerts always have people dancing
	13	to the tunes of rancheras, cumbias, polkas, country and good old rock 'n' roll.
	14	Al Hurricane and his band have often entertained the crowds of Summer Fest
	15	at Civic Plaza with no one wanting the night or the music to end; and
	16	WHEREAS, no other New Mexico group has produced as much music as
	17	the Al Hurricane Band, and the City Council desires to recognize his long love
, co	18	for music and the community of Albuquerque.
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Mate Wate	22	the "Al Hurricane Sr. Pavilion at Civic Plaza" in honor of his long and
	23	distinguished musical career and community services to the City of
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WHEREAS, the family moved to Albuquerque, where Al began to play and

perform in Old Town at the age of twelve which launched a career that has

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