

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-18-105 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 URGING THE NEWLY ELECTED HONORABLE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO
3 AND THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO PETITION THE UNITED
4 STATES CONGRESS TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE RAIL PASSENGER SERVICES
5 ACT WITH AMENDMENTS ADDRESSING DISCONTINUING, MODIFYING OR
6 SUSPENDING SERVICES.

7 WHEREAS, the National Rail Passenger Act of 1970 established the
8 National Railroad Passenger Corporation, a public corporation, to provide a
9 basic national system of intercity passenger trains; and

10 WHEREAS, this public stock corporation compliant with the District of
11 Columbia Business Corporation Act, has filed its Articles of Incorporation, and
12 has adopted By Laws governing the Corporation's operation; and

13 WHEREAS, some of the Corporation's Board of Directors are appointed by
14 the President of the United States and others are elected by shareholders; and

15 WHEREAS, the Congress will reauthorize those and other features of the
16 National Rail Passenger Act in 2019 with new amendments for a six-year
17 period; and

18 WHEREAS, reauthorization is an opportunity to address matters important
19 to the States and the traveling public currently having little opportunity to
20 advance their views on matters important to them; and

21 WHEREAS, the existing statutes do not provide for early consultation with
22 State governments and the traveling public living in the States if and when the
23 Corporation proposes a Major Service Change; and

24 WHEREAS, there are currently no orderly processes specified by statute to
25 resolve issues affecting consumers, governments and the public; and

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1 WHEREAS, the processes and orderly procedures herein recommended to
2 be established will assure predictability, transparency, and accountability in
3 service decisions.

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

6 Section 1. The City of Albuquerque urges the New Mexico State Legislature
7 and the Governor of New Mexico to petition the United States Congress to
8 support Reauthorization, and establish a process and orderly procedures
9 available to the States if the National Railroad Passenger Corporation
10 proposes Discontinuing, Modification, or Suspension of rail passenger
11 services in or through a State.

12 Section 2. That the City Clerk send a letter and an email with a copy of this
13 resolution to our newly elected Honorable Governor of New Mexico and to
14 each member of our state legislative delegation.

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