

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO.     M-20-1     ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Harris, Davis, Peña, Benton

1 MEMORIAL  
2 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE NATIONAL  
3 TRAILS SYSTEM ACT TO DESIGNATE THE ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HISTORIC  
4 TRAIL

5 WHEREAS, The proposed Route 66 National Historic Trail, is a trail that  
6 includes all the alignments of U.S. Highway 66 in existence between 1926 and  
7 1985, extending along a route of approximately 2,400 miles from Chicago,  
8 Illinois, to Santa Monica, California; and

9 WHEREAS, Route 66 runs through the heart of the City of Albuquerque,  
10 along Central Avenue, and was a major economic, social and political center  
11 of the City from 1939 to 1983; and

12 WHEREAS, present-day Route 66 along Central Avenue connects locals  
13 and visitors to the city's diverse neighborhoods, each offering unique and  
14 authentic Albuquerque experiences, including Old Town, Downtown, the  
15 University of New Mexico and Nob Hill; and

16 WHEREAS, House Bill H.R. 801 and Senate Bill 3609 have been introduced  
17 and propose to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route  
18 66 Historic Trail, which would allow the trail to be administered by the  
19 Secretary of the Interior, through the Director of the National Parks Service;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, in order to qualify for a Historic Trail designation, a trail must  
22 meet three criteria: It must be of historical significance; it must be of national  
23 significance; and it must have potential for historic interpretation or public  
24 recreational use; and

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1           WHEREAS, the historic designation would provide permanent financial and  
2 planning assistance for the corridor, including cost-share grants for the  
3 preservation of buildings, road segments, and cultural landscapes; and

4           WHEREAS, the Albuquerque City Council supports the recognition and  
5 protection of Route 66 for its iconic cultural and economic significance to the  
6 City of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico.

7 **BE IT MEMORIALIZED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**  
8 **CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE:**

9           The City Council of Albuquerque expresses support for, and urges  
10 Congress to amend the National Trails System Act to Designate the Route 66  
11 Historic Trail.

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