CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCI		BILL NO.	R-21-163	ENACTMENT NO.
SPONSO		RED BY:	Klarissa J. Peña	
	1			RESOLUTION
	2	DEC	CLARING THE CITY C	OUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF THE ROUTE 66
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	4	SERVI	CES DEPARTMENT T	O BEGIN THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR A
	5	CENTE	NNIAL CELEBRATIO	N EVENT IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.
	6	WHERE	AS, the U.S. Congres	s passed House Bill 66 in July 2018, which
	7	establishee	d a Route 66 Centenn	ial Planning Commission, and directed that a
	8	plan on the	e preservation needs	of Route 66 be prepared; and
	9	WHERE	AS, states and cities	along the historic Route 66 have also begun
	10	planning fo	or celebratory events,	through various planning and advisory
	11	commissio	ons; and	
	12	WHERE	AS, Route 66 Nationa	al Historic Trail, includes all the alignments of
	13	U.S. Highw	ay 66 in existence be	tween 1926 and 1985, extending along a route
	14	of approxim	mately 2,400 miles fro	om Chicago, Illinois, to Santa Monica,
	15	California;	and	
	,16	WHERE	AS, Route 66 runs th	rough the heart of the City of Albuquerque,
	17	along Cent	ral Avenue, and was	a major economic, social and political center
		of the City	from 1939 to 1983; ar	nd
	19	WHERE	AS, present-day Rou	te 66 along Central Avenue connects locals
	20	and visitor	s to the city's diverse	neighborhoods, each offering unique and
	21	authentic A	Albuquerque experier	ices, including, the Southwest Mesa, the South
	22	Valley, Old	Town, Downtown, th	e University of New Mexico, Nob Hill and the
	23	East Gatew	vay; and	
	24	WHERE	AS, the Historic Rout	e 66 includes a portion of the El Camino Real,
	25	the path th	at led Spanish Colon	ists through the unfamiliar territory of New

26 Mexico, and connected Spanish, and Native American ancient cultures; and

1	WHEREAS, the City's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 includes an
2	appropriation of funding in the amount of \$300,000 to begin a planning
3	process for a Route 66 celebratory event to be held in the City.
4	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
5	ALBUQUERQUE:
6	SECTION 1. That the Albuquerque City Council declares its support for the
7	Route 66 Centennial Celebration that will occur in 2026.
8	SECTION 2. That the Albuquerque City Council directs the Arts and Culture
9	Department to begin planning and securing funding for a Route 66 celebratory
10	event in the City of Albuquerque. The Department shall provide a semi-
11	annual update to the Council on the status of the planning and funding
12	activities.
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