

the city's diverse neighborhoods, each offering unique and authentic Albuquerque experiences, including, the Southwest Mesa, the South Valley, Old Town, Downtown, the University of New Mexico, Nob Hill and the East Gateway; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Route 66 includes a portion of the El Camino Real, the path that led Spanish Colonists through the unfamiliar territory of New Mexico, and connected Spanish, and Native American ancient cultures; and

WHEREAS, the City's Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 includes an appropriation of funding in the amount of \$300,000 to begin a planning process for a Route 66 celebratory event to be held in the City.

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

SECTION 1. That the Albuquerque City Council declares its support for the Route 66 Centennial Celebration that will occur in 2026.

SECTION 2. To the extent that additional funding beyond the \$300,000 that has already been appropriated is necessary, the Albuquerque City Council directs the Arts and Culture Department to begin planning and securing funding for a Route 66 celebratory event in the City of Albuquerque. The Department shall provide a semi-annual update to the Council on the status of the planning and funding activities.

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