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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. M-20-1 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Harris, Davis, Peña, Benton

MEMORIAL

Urging The United States Congress To Amend The National Trails System Act To Designate The
Route 66 National Historic Trail (Harris, Davis, Peña, Benton)

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AMEND THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM
ACT TO DESIGNATE THE ROUTE 66 NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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