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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. M-23-9 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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MEMORIAL

Urging The New Mexico State Legislature To Consider Adoption Of The Lowrider As The Official State Car In The 2024 State Legislative Session (Peña)

URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE LOWRIDER AS THE OFFICIAL STATE CAR IN THE 2024 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, lowriding is deeply ingrained in the culture of the Southwest and woven into the cultural fabric and heritage of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, lowriders serve as a catalyst for embracing and valuing the cultural diversity and history of the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, lowriders deserve recognition as not only a unique mode of transportation but as beautiful pieces of art and self-expression; and

WHEREAS, lowriders are a cultural heirloom of Hispanic and Chicano traditions and long lines of families; and

WHEREAS, communities located along the Historic Route 66 like Albuquerque and Santa Fe have a rich lowrider history and Espanola is often considered as the Lowrider Capital of the World; and

WHEREAS, lowriders have served the City of Albuquerque as a bridge between the local lowrider community, law enforcement, youth, and community at large; and

WHEREAS, the lowrider is a symbol and sets an example of slow, safe, and responsible driving; and

WHEREAS, lowriders have the power to serve the State of New Mexico as a literal and

figurative vehicle for change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has taken legislative measures to embrace lowrider culture and activate economic development opportunities that would have otherwise not been fully realized; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has also embraced lowrider culture for its contribution to the State's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, State of New Mexico does not have an official car; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a state symbol is accomplished by an act of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senator Michael Padilla and Representative Art De La Cruz have already agreed to sponsor legislation designating the lowrider as the State of New Mexico's official car.

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

SECTION 1. The Albuquerque City Council urges the New Mexico State Legislature to consider adoption of the lowrider as the official state car.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Memorial to the City of Albuquerque State Legislative Delegation, the New Mexico Legislature, the New Mexico Tourism Department, the Governor of New Mexico, and other appropriate state agencies.

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