

## **CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE**

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## ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCIL AMENDS E-14-31 NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY APPRECIATION

Albuquerque, NM – Council President Ken Sanchez and Councilor Don Harris sponsored E-14-31 with the intent of helping those families in Bernalillo County that adopt children. After recognition that the original legislation was too restrictive, the Councilors amended the legislation with the following changes:

- Allowing all families that adopted within Bernalillo County to receive the BioPark and Explora Family passes.
- Allowing foster parents and those with temporary adoptive status to receive the same passes.
- Taking away the requirement that the adoption or fostering agreement be run through New Mexico's CYFD.

Any parents that have adopted or are currently in the foster program can visit the Albuquerque City Council office located at 1 Civic Plaza ( $9^{th}$  Floor), Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 5:00PM, to receive the free family passes to the Albuquerque BioPark and Explora.

A letter from the foundation that the family has adopted from or is currently a part of, any form of legal paperwork showing guardianship of the children through adoption or foster care, or valid proof of adoption or foster care is required to retrieve the passes from the City Council office.

Please contact Councilor Harris or Councilor Sanchez' office at (505)768-3100 with any questions.