



The Council of the City of Albuquerque

November 17, 2014

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938 to fight polio and funded the development of two vaccines which are still in use today and have been highly effective in curtailing the crippling disease; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is a long-time advocate for access to health care for women of childbearing age, infants, children, and families, ensuring they have access to private and public health coverage under private coverage, the State's Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicaid, Title V Block Grant, and the Affordable Care Act; and

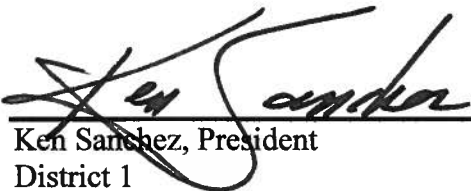
WHEREAS, the March of Dimes in 2003 launched the Prematurity Campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies, and authored the Premature Research Expansion and Education act for Mothers (PREEMIE); which, Congress enacted in 2006 to expand research, education, and services to fight premature births; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm birth to 9.6 percent in every state by 2020, resulting in a healthier start in life for tens of thousands of infants; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes New Mexico Chapter has worked extensively to promote critical congenital heart disease (CCHD), Medicaid Expansion and drug issues impacting mothers and babies in the state of New Mexico; and


WHEREAS, the March of Dimes sponsors numerous programs to support healthy pregnancies and infants, such as its work to prevent early elective deliveries and the NICU Family Support program.


BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
ALBUQUERQUE, HEREBY RECOGNIZES
MARCH OF DIMES NEW MEXICO CHAPTER AND DECLARES NOVEMBER 17, 2014 AS
NEW MEXICO PREMATURE AWARENESS DAY

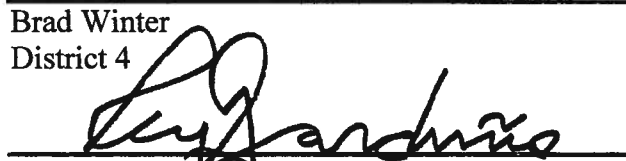

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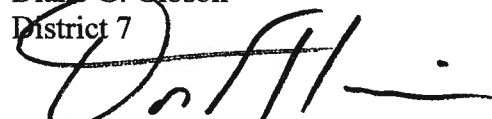

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