



Executive Order
From the
Office of the Mayor

Whereas, Since ancient times, Mesoamerican people have journeyed to what is now Albuquerque to exchange goods and ideas with the Ancestral Puebloans; and

Whereas, Archaeological sites in New Mexico contain Mesoamerican ball courts where the first sport using a rubber ball was played; and

Whereas, The Spanish outlawed the game, Ulama in 1585 but has since been revitalized in parts of Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and the United States by the Asociacion Juego de Pelota Mesoamericana; and

Whereas, Citizens of Albuquerque, many of whom are the descendants of Mesoamerican settlers, have formed a team and have been granted a ceremonial ball; and

Whereas, The cultural landscape of Albuquerque and New Mexico, which has been influenced by Mesoamerican culture, is enriched by the resurgence of the Ulama game; and

Now, Therefore, I, Timothy M. Keller, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, do hereby proclaim, November 16th, 2019, as:

*“Ulama: The Mesoamerican Ball
Game Day”*



Timothy Keller

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Attest:

Katy Duhigg

Katy Duhigg, City Clerk

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