



The Council of the City of Albuquerque

April 16, 2012

WHEREAS, Metro Teen Court aspires to promote accountability and personal development of juvenile offenders by restoring their connection to the community; and

WHEREAS, Metro Teen Court gives first time juvenile offenders the opportunity to maintain a clean criminal record by arguing their case before other teens who have gone through the metro teen court process, rather than by entering the traditional juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, Since its first hearing in 2009, over 250 local youth offenders charged with shoplifting, traffic infractions, school offenses, and other misdemeanor crimes have successfully reconnected to the community through the Metro Teen Court program; and

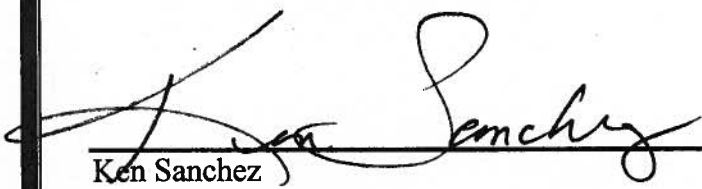
WHEREAS, Metro Teen Court is based on the philosophy that a teen is less likely to be a repeat offender when other youth determine the sanctions; and

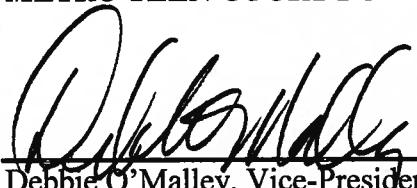
WHEREAS, Metro Teen Court restores teen relationships with their community by teaching juvenile offenders to take responsibility for their actions, rather than by determining guilt or innocence; and

WHEREAS, Volunteers from the community including, Senators, State Representatives, County Commissioners, City Councilors, State Police, FBI, and Teachers, serve as positive role models for youth offenders by acting as guest judges in Metro Teen Court; and

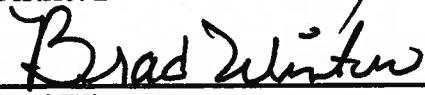
WHEREAS, Metro Teen Court will host a Public Safety Day with over 35 local, regional and state leaders.

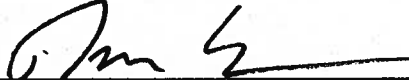
BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, DECLARES MAY 12, 2012 AS METRO TEEN COURT PUBLIC SAFETY DAY

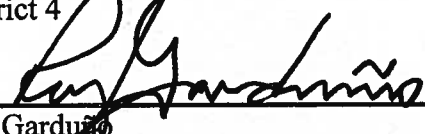

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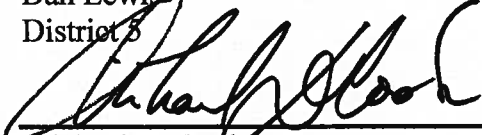

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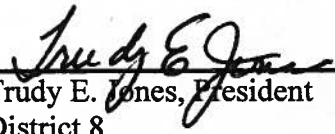

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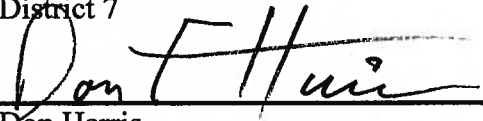

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