WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM) is the representative body of the undergraduate students and promotes student success; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, Professor Eric Rombach-Kendall, an accomplished band director, musician, composer, and beloved member of the University of New Mexico (UNM) faculty and performing arts community, passed away from a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Prof. Rombach-Kendall earned degrees in Music Education from the University of Puget Sound and the University of Michigan, and taught music at high schools in Washington State, Boston University and Carleton College before working at UNM; and

WHEREAS, Prof. Rombach-Kendall had served as Director of Bands at UNM since 1993, and was President of the College Band Directors National Association between 2011 and 2013, making guest appearances and conducting performances for numerous other organizations; and

WHEREAS, as a composer, Prof. Rombach-Kendall wrote many contemporary symphonic pieces, performed by prestigious groups such as the New York Philharmonic on Live at Lincoln Center, and the United States Marine Band; and

WHEREAS, the bands which Prof. Rombach-Kendall has conducted and organizations for which he has offered instruction and assisted in programs have demonstrated great acclaim for his work, including Canada's Interprovincial Music Camp, the Music Educators National Conference (MENC), North American Saxophone Alliance, Society of Composers, Inc., and the New Mexico Music Educators Conference, among others; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RECOGNIZED, that ASUNM makes strong note of Professor Eric Rombach-Kendall's many accomplishments in the musical
profession, and knows that he will be dearly missed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RECOGNIZED**, that ASUNM applauds the impact and accomplishments of Professor Eric Rombach-Kendall, whose work and interactions represent excellence, dedication, and commitment to ensemble performance, and to the capabilities and experiences of students; and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RECOGNIZED**, that ASUNM mourns the loss of Professor Eric Rombach-Kendall within the UNM community and all spheres he has benefitted, and offers best wishes to family members, colleagues, students, and supporters; and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE DECREED**, that a copy of this condolence is forwarded to UNM Board of Regents, UNM President Garnett Stokes, UNM Vice President for Equity and Inclusion Assata Zerai, UNM Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Tim Gutierrez, UNM Dean of Students Nasha Torrez, UNM College of Fine Arts, College of Fine Arts Dean Harris Smith, and the UNM undergraduate student body.

Adopted by the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico on this 10th day of February in the year of 2022.

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Gregory C. Romero, ASUNM President

Ryan Regalado, ASUNM Vice President

Jacob Griego, ASUNM President Pro-Tempore
*Commendation introduced by: Senator Raina Harper, Senator Sofie Carrillo, and Senator Sierra Quintana*