BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS
MEMORIAL NO. 2023-01

URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO ADOPT THE DEPOSIT ACT

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Housing Authority ("AHA") Board of Housing Commissioners ("Board") met in regular session in public on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 12:00 Noon; and

WHEREAS, AHA operates a tenant-based Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance program in the City of Albuquerque, NM, which serves thousands of low-income households.

WHEREAS, many of those low income households struggle to make use of the HCV to lease a place to live, since they lack the funds to pay the damage deposit to the landlord, to be able to rent a place to live.

WHEREAS, the swift adoption of the Delivering Essential Protection, Opportunity, and Security for Tenants (DEPOSIT) Act would allow the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive federal funds to help local agencies like AHA to pay for damage deposits to local landlords. That added funding would greatly assist our local (and sometimes homeless) residents who have a Section 8 HCV from AHA to actually make use of the voucher to rent a privately owned place to live in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AHA BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS, the governing body of the AHA that:

1. The AHA supports the adoption of U.S. House Resolution (H.R.) 1087, the Delivering Essential Protection, Opportunity, and Security for Tenants (DEPOSIT) Act, as new federal law.
2. The AHA will be added to the list of local and national endorsers.
3. The Executive Director of AHA (or her designee) is authorized to transmit signed copies of this Memorial to the U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives from New Mexico and to other appropriate persons and agencies as part of advocacy efforts for this legislation.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 19th day of April 2023.

BY A VOTE OF 4 FOR, AND 0 AGAINST.

Members Absent: _____

Members voting against: _____

ALBUQUERQUE HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF HOUSING COMMISSIONERS

By: /s Maurreen Skowran
Maurreen Skowran, Chairperson of the Board

ATTEST:

/s Linda Bridge
Linda Bridge, Secretary to the Board and Executive Director