

RESOLUTION NO. #R2021 – 7

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT ENDORSING
NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 270
*RELATING TO AUTONOMOUS MOTOR VEHICLES***

WHEREAS, autonomous vehicle technology holds the potential to make our roads safer, to provide mobility to new populations, to reshape how we use space in our cities, to save energy and reduce air pollution, and to provide new opportunities for employment; and

WHEREAS, the *New Mexico Mobility Strategy*, a report commissioned by the New Mexico Economic Development Department, calls for the creation of a Gallup Mobility Hub to support research and development of autonomous vehicles in the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gallup and Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation applied for and received a national planning grant from the US Economic Development Administration to develop the Gallup Autonomous & Mobility Plan including the Gallup Mobility Hub; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Gallup Economic Development Corporation held a digital Economic Roundtable on Mobility on February 11-12, 2021 to launch efforts to create the Gallup Mobility Hub; and

WHEREAS, a number of states are poised to move forward with autonomous vehicle legislation to take advantage of opportunities to support research and development and economic innovation in this rapidly emerging industry; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 270 as filed in the 2021 New Mexico Legislature will allow for the research and testing of autonomous vehicles on roadways in the State of New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gallup endorses New Mexico House Bill 270 and supports its aim of enabling the testing and deployment of autonomous vehicles in the State of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, that:

1. The City of Gallup supports state laws that are consistent with federal guidance, that provide opportunity for states to experiment and innovate in the autonomous vehicle policy area, and that avoid a patchwork of inconsistent laws and policies between the states that could hinder the development and deployment of such vehicles.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPPROVED on this 2nd day of March, 2021.

CITY OF GALLUP:

Louie Bonaguidi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alfred Abeita II, City Clerk