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Special Olympics New Mexico athletes to lace up their sneakers for sixth year at Mayor's Indoor Invitational Track Meet

[Albuquerque, NM] – Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM) announces the sixth annual Mayor's Indoor Track Invitational, Saturday February 21st at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

For the sixth year in a row, Mayor Richard Berry, in partnership with City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department, will host this unique event for New Mexico's Special Olympics athletes. From 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the 21st. Athletes from four communities in the state will come together as the only Special Olympics program in the country with the opportunity to participate in Track and Field events on an indoor track. Mayor Berry will give SONM athletes a person welcome from 10:00 am -10:15 am.

"To be able to run on the Indoor Track – one of the best of its kind in our country – is awesome," stated SONM Executive Director Randy Mascorella. "Special Olympics New Mexico has this opportunity because Mayor Berry believes that our athletes, like all athletes, are worthy of the experience. When community leaders of influence give people with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to participate – in my opinion, it speaks well of our community and how welcoming we are."

In 2010, Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry, and the City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department announced a partnership called "ABQ Team FIT," which allows for competition days at the indoor track stadium for SONM and the Great S.W. Track and Field. Members of the partnership include the Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department, UNM, Albuquerque Convention Visitor's Bureau, USA Track and Field, SONM, and the Great S.W. Track and Field.

The 2015 Mayor's Invitational Indoor Track Meet is made possible through the City of Albuquerque Department of Parks and Recreation and through the University of New Mexico Athletics, who provide day-of-event volunteers to assist SONM athletes throughout the day.

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