

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE MARCH 14, 2006 AS THE  
DIAMOND JUBILEE OF THE NEW MEXICO STATE MONUMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico state monument system was  
established on March 14, 1931 by an act for the preservation  
of the scientific resources of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Laws 1931, Chapter 42, Section 2 authorized the  
commissioner of the state land office on recommendation of the  
science commission with the approval of the commissioner of  
public lands to "declare by public proclamation that historic  
and prehistoric structures and other objects of scientific  
interest that are situated upon the lands owned or controlled  
by the state of New Mexico, shall be state monuments and may  
reserve as a part thereof such parcels of land as may be  
necessary to the proper care and management of the objects to  
be protected"; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 the governor of the state of New Mexico  
was delegated the power of proclamation upon the  
recommendation of the cultural properties review committee and  
the board of regents of the museum of New Mexico to "declare  
by public proclamation that any cultural property situated on  
lands owned or controlled by the state shall be a state  
monument and may reserve as a part thereof such parcels of  
land as may be necessary for the proper care and management of

the cultural property to be protected" and that "any such monument shall be administered by the museum division of the office of cultural affairs"; and

WHEREAS, in the ensuing years, nineteen monuments have been proclaimed and designated; the first were designated in 1935 and included the Pecos, Gran Quivira, Jemez, Coronado and Quarai state monuments; the Lincoln state monument was proclaimed in 1937; Paako and Abo state monuments were proclaimed in 1938; the Glorieta Battlefield state monument and the palace of the governors were designated in 1940; the Folsom and La Mesilla plaza state monuments followed in the 1950s; Fort Sumner state monument was proclaimed in 1968; Fort Selden and Mimbres state monuments and the Dorsey mansion followed in the 1970s; the Taylor Reynolds Barela Mesilla state monument was designated in 2004; and the Bosque Redondo memorial at Fort Sumner and El Camino Real international heritage center were designated in 2005; and

WHEREAS, over the years, five of the monuments were transferred to the national park service and included Pecos, Gran Quivira, Abo, Quarai and Glorieta Battlefield, and the Dorsey mansion was sold to a private party; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2006 the state monument system will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that this anniversary be recognized as a

milestone reflecting the long-standing commitment of the state of New Mexico to the preservation of its rich heritage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to designate March 14, 2006 as the diamond jubilee of the New Mexico state monuments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the diamond jubilee be properly observed throughout 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, to the secretary of cultural affairs and to the state monuments division.