

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING MARCH 7, 2007 AS "SANTA FE DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE
3 AND RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOUR-HUNDRED-YEAR
4 ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF LA VILLA REAL DE LA SANTA FE
5 DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS, 1607-1610.

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7 WHEREAS, by 1600, the Pueblo people of the Rio Grande
8 region had inhabited the area now known as Santa Fe for
9 hundreds of years; and

10 WHEREAS, from at least the time of 1607 there existed a
11 small settlement of Spanish people in that same area; and

12 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1609 the viceroy of New Spain,
13 Martin Lopez de Gauna, upon the appointment of
14 Don Pedro de Peralta as governor and captain general of
15 New Mexico, did order governor Peralta to establish a villa
16 at the site of what is now Santa Fe; and

17 WHEREAS, by the summer of 1610 Peralta had established
18 the city of Santa Fe; and

19 WHEREAS, during the period of 2007 through 2010,
20 Santa Fe shall proudly observe the four-hundred-year
21 anniversary of the founding of La Villa Real de la Santa Fe
22 de San Francisco de Asis with suitable events and observances
23 by the residents of Santa Fe to give thanks for its first
24 four hundred years and to pass on to their children and
25 grandchildren the Indo-Hispano heritage; and

1 WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe will develop programs in
2 celebration of the four-hundred-year anniversary, including
3 but not limited to educational initiatives, symposia and
4 public events; and

5 WHEREAS, the founding of Santa Fe is a seminal event in
6 the history of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe is the oldest capital city
8 in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, the four-hundred-year anniversary of Santa Fe's
10 founding is meant to have broad, local, regional, national
11 and international impact; and

12 WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe will commemorate
13 March 30, 2009 as the four-hundred-year anniversary of the
14 date of the viceroy's orders to Peralta to establish the city
15 of Santa Fe and will celebrate the founding of the city of
16 Santa Fe during the period of memorial day 2010 through the
17 end of fiestas that same year;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2007 be declared "Santa Fe
20 Day" at the legislature and that congratulations be expressed
21 to the residents of Santa Fe on the celebration of the
22 four-hundred-year anniversary of their fair city; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of
25 Santa Fe.
