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AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURAL AFFAIRS; CREATING THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL
COMMISSION TO PLAN, PROMOTE AND IMPLEMENT CELEBRATIONS
COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL
COMMISSION CREATED--MEMBERSHIP--CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
TO STAFF--TERMINATION.--

A. The "semiquincentennial commission" is created
in the cultural affairs department to plan, promote and
implement public celebrations and commemorations of the
two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the declaration of
independence and the two hundred fiftieth anniversary of the
founding of the United States of America on July 4, 2026.

B. The commission consists of the following
members:

(1) the governor, who shall serve as the
honorary chair of the commission;

(2) the lieutenant governor or the
lieutenant governor's designee;

(3) the president pro tempore of the senate
or the president pro tempore's designee;

1 (4) the speaker of the house of
2 representatives or the speaker's designee;

3 (5) the secretary of cultural affairs or the
4 secretary's designee;

5 (6) the secretary of higher education or the
6 secretary's designee;

7 (7) the secretary of Indian affairs or the
8 secretary's designee;

9 (8) the secretary of public education or the
10 secretary's designee;

11 (9) the secretary of tourism or the
12 secretary's designee;

13 (10) the adjutant general of the New Mexico
14 national guard or the adjutant general's designee;

15 (11) the state historian who shall convene
16 the first meeting; and

17 (12) four public members appointed by the
18 governor.

19 C. The cultural affairs department shall provide
20 staff support to the commission.

21 D. Public members of the commission shall be
22 appointed for the life of the commission and shall serve at
23 the pleasure of the governor. Vacancies on the commission
24 shall be filled in the same manner in which the original
25 appointment was made.

1 E. Public members of the commission shall receive
2 per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage
3 Act and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite or
4 allowance.

5 F. The commission shall terminate on December 31,
6 2026.

7 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY PROVISION--POWERS AND DUTIES.--

8 A. The semiquincentennial commission may cooperate
9 with the United States semiquincentennial commission created
10 by Public Law 114-196, other national and state organizations
11 engaged in commemoration and celebration of the United States
12 semiquincentennial and other national, regional, state and
13 local public and private organizations having compatible
14 purposes.

15 B. The commission shall promote and encourage as
16 part of its celebratory events, electronic media, printed
17 media, symposia and educational outreach:

18 (1) awareness and understanding of the
19 principles of the declaration of independence, the United
20 States' winning of the Revolutionary War and the
21 establishment of the United States' system of constitutional
22 self-government;

23 (2) the advancement of the cause of liberty
24 and American self-government through promoting civic
25 knowledge and practice and the constitutional features of

1 self-government that emphasize the roles of active and
2 engaged citizens; and

3 (3) an increase in public knowledge and
4 appreciation of the breadth of American history and the long
5 quest to live up to the ideals put forth in the declaration
6 of independence and the United States constitution.

7 C. The commission may:

8 (1) designate advisory and honorary boards
9 and special committees to assist with planning, developing
10 and coordinating specific activities;

11 (2) enter into contracts and accept
12 donations, gifts, grants and other things of value, including
13 real or personal property and personal services; and

14 (3) do other things consistent with the
15 purposes of this act to carry out the provisions of this act.

16 SECTION 3. TEMPORARY PROVISION--COOPERATION.--

17 A. The semiquincentennial commission
18 shall consult, cooperate with and seek advice from
19 appropriate state departments and agencies, public schools,
20 post-secondary educational institutions, local public bodies,
21 learned societies and historical, patriotic, philanthropic,
22 civic, professional and related organizations.

23 B. The president of each state university shall
24 cooperate with the commission, especially in the
25 encouragement, coordination and publicity of scholarly works

1 and presentations on the history, culture, political thought
2 and commemoration of the semiquincentennial celebration.

3 SECTION 4. TEMPORARY PROVISION--REPORT.--

4 A. The semiquincentennial commission shall submit
5 to the governor a report incorporating specific
6 recommendations for the ceremonial, educational and
7 scholastic commemoration of the United States
8 semiquincentennial in the state by December 31, 2024. The
9 report shall recommend activities such as:

10 (1) the production, publication and
11 distribution of books, pamphlets, films and other educational
12 materials about the semiquincentennial;

13 (2) bibliographical and documentary projects
14 and publications;

15 (3) conferences, convocations, lectures,
16 seminars and other programs;

17 (4) the development of special projects for
18 libraries, museums, state parks and historic sites, including
19 special exhibits and traveling exhibits;

20 (5) ceremonies and celebrations
21 commemorating specific and general events;

22 (6) programs and activities on the national
23 and international significance of the semiquincentennial and
24 its implications for present and future generations; and

25 (7) the involvement of local governments and

1 cultural, historical and other organizations.

2 B. The report shall include recommendations for
3 the allocation of financial and administrative responsibility
4 among public and private authorities, a list of organizations
5 recommended for participation by the commission and proposals
6 for legislation or administrative action necessary to carry
7 out the recommendations of the commission. _____

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