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HOUSE BILL 278

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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AN ACT

**RELATING TO CULTURE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FOR A
CUARTO CENTENARIO CELEBRATION OF CONTINUOUS HISPANIC PRESENCE
IN THE UNITED STATES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS--HISPANIC PRESENCE IN
NEW MEXICO. --The legislature of the state of New Mexico notes
with pride that April 30, 1998 will mark the four hundredth
anniversary of the founding of continuous European presence
within the United States and the convergence of the Hispanic
and Native American cultures and traditions. This convergence
will be commemorated with the cooperation of a wide variety of
business, civic, cultural and governmental agencies in New
Mexico as well as their counterparts in Mexico and Spain,
bringing honor and attention to our state and region. New**

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1 Mexico's people of all ethnic and racial groups have made and
2 continue to make major contributions to this productive
3 history, and the legislature elects to contribute to the
4 cuarto centenario project through exhibitions, publications,
5 educational curriculum materials and media programs, as well
6 as cultural and artistic endeavors of every type.

7 Section 2. APPROPRIATION--CUARTO CENTENARIO PROJECT--
8 PURPOSE.--Eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) is
9 appropriated from the general fund to the office of cultural
10 affairs for expenditure in fiscal years 1998 and 1999 to
11 provide support of the cuarto centenario project, to help
12 commemorate four hundred years of diversity and richness
13 produced and nurtured through our Hispanic and Native American
14 cultures. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at
15 the end of fiscal year 1999 shall revert to the general fund.

16 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public
17 peace, health and safety that this act take effect
18 immediately.