



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, immediate consideration of issues critical to the economic health and welfare and public safety of New Mexico and its Citizens is necessary and such conditions have arisen since the conclusion of the First Session of the Forty-Eighth Legislature;*

*WHEREAS, the Citizens of New Mexico deserve and expect that public servants that are elected, appointed, and employed by the State of New Mexico shall serve in a manner that is honest and honorable and that they shall hold the highest ethical standards;*

*WHEREAS, the Citizens of New Mexico should be protected from the violent crime of domestic violence, and efforts to enhance the penalties and punishments for such crimes, including increased imprisonment sentences and mandatory treatment requirements, should be applauded to ensure the safety of our families and loved ones in our communities;*

*WHEREAS, methamphetamine abuse is a dangerous epidemic that threatens the health, welfare and safety of citizens and property throughout New Mexico;*

*WHEREAS, the Citizens of New Mexico are in need of vastly improved road conditions across the State and these vital road projects will bring to local communities more jobs, increased economic opportunities, and modern infrastructure that is critical to the safety and livelihood of the public; and*

*WHEREAS, New Mexico families deserve our respect no matter their race, creed or sexual orientation.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the Authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of New Mexico, do hereby call the Forty-Eighth Legislature of the State of New Mexico into Special Session at Noon, on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the State Capitol in Santa Fe. In accordance with Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution of New Mexico, this Special Session is called for the purpose of considering and enacting only the following legislation and no other:*

- 1. A bill that amends the Voter Action Act to include judges elected on a statewide basis in public financing of those elections, to include adequate funding for the public election fund, and to make an appropriation to fulfill the purposes of this bill.*

2. *A bill that requires political committees that make independent expenditures to register and file reports with the Secretary of State on a reasonable basis, provides additional reporting requirements for public officials, candidates, campaign committees and political committees to ensure that there is adequate public access and awareness of their activities, limits campaign contributions to candidates for statewide and district offices consistent with federal levels, prohibits cash contributions of more than one-hundred dollars, grants subpoena power to the secretary of state for investigations pursuant to the Campaign Reporting Act, and amends definitions consistent with the bill.*
3. *A bill that enacts the State Ethics Commission Act, creates the state ethics commission, vests the commission with the power to investigate potential ethics violations by state employees and officials, lobbyists, and government contractors, vests the commission with subpoena power, requires the commission to provide annual ethics training and the publication of an ethics guide, authorizes the commission to issue advisory opinions related to certain ethics violations, authorizes the filing of complaints against state official, state employees, government contractors and lobbyists for certain ethics violations, and making an adequate appropriation to fulfill the purposes of this bill.*
4. *A bill that enacts the Clandestine Drug Laboratory Act to provide for notice, a clandestine drug laboratory list, remediation, condemnation, loans, and restitution, authorizing destruction of property, imposing penalties, and making an adequate appropriation to fulfill the purposes of this bill.*
5. *A bill that increases penalties for the offenses of battery against a household member and aggravated battery against a household member and requires offenders to participate in and complete a domestic violence offender treatment program.*
6. *A bill that authorizes the issuance of severance tax bonds for the severance tax transportation fund for the purpose of funding the projects set forth on today's date in House Bill 496, as amended. The bill shall establish the severance tax transportation fund, shall provide for distribution from the fund to cover the state's portion of the cost for the list of projects set forth presently in House Bill 496, as amended, shall require certain matching requirements for local governments, shall provide for a distribution of up to \$25,000,000 from the fund for acquisition of rights-of-way, planning, design and construction of improvements related to the spaceport in Sierra and Dona Ana counties, shall make adequate appropriations, and shall declare an emergency (otherwise known as "GRIP II").*
7. *A bill to enact a law where a domestic partner (or an equivalent designation) has the same rights, protections, and benefits under law as a spouse in a marriage. This bill shall also provide that a domestic partnership shall be established when the affidavit of*

*domestic partnership is accepted and the certificate of domestic partnership is issued and recorded by a county clerk.*

8. *A bill appropriating necessary legislative cash balances for the purpose of paying the expenses of the special session called pursuant to this Proclamation;*

*Attest:*



*Mary Hertera  
Secretary of State*

*Done at the Executive Office  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007*

*Witness my hand and the Great  
Seal of the State of New Mexico*



*Bill Richardson  
Governor*