

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 14, 2010 "SANTA FE FOUR HUNDREDTH
3 ANNIVERSARY DAY" AT THE SENATE AND COMMEMORATING THE MORE
4 THAN FOUR-HUNDRED-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT AND
5 FOUNDING OF SANTA FE.

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7 WHEREAS, before 1598, the pueblo people of the Rio
8 Grande region of New Mexico had inhabited the area now known
9 as Santa Fe; and

10 WHEREAS, from the first arrival of New Mexico's Spanish
11 colonists in August 1598, the pueblo people of the Rio Grande
12 and adjoining regions of New Mexico provided support and
13 sustenance to those colonists who persevered at San Gabriel
14 del Yunque, the first capital of New Mexico, located in the
15 pueblo lands of Ohkay Owingeh; and

16 WHEREAS, before 1610, there existed a small settlement
17 of Spanish colonists in the area now known as Santa Fe; and

18 WHEREAS, on March 30, 1609, the viceroy of New Spain,
19 Luis de Velasco II, upon the royal proclamation by the King
20 of Spain, Philip III, ordered Governor Pedro de Peralta to
21 arrive in New Mexico before the end of 1609 and establish a
22 villa at the site of what is now Santa Fe; and

23 WHEREAS, by 1610, Governor Peralta had established the
24 villa at the site of what is now Santa Fe; and

25 WHEREAS, communal relations between the two peoples

1 provided a pool for intermarriage, trade, defense and labor,
2 both willing and unwilling; and

3 WHEREAS, the Spanish colonists and the pueblo people
4 engaged in a two-way exchange of knowledge and cultural
5 folkways that would be mutually advantageous for both
6 peoples; and

7 WHEREAS, seventy years following the establishment of
8 the villa of Santa Fe, the pueblo people took up arms and
9 forced the inhabitants of the villa to retreat to El Paso del
10 Norte; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1692, the Spanish colonists began a return
12 to the villa, which resulted in an armed conflict lasting
13 through 1696; and

14 WHEREAS, following the repopulation of Santa Fe, the
15 pueblo people found ways to protect their culture while
16 adapting to the Spanish form of government and continuing the
17 process of mutual cultural interchange and support; and

18 WHEREAS, over the following years and into the
19 twenty-first century, despite intermittent disputes, the
20 colonists and their descendants, many of whom were and are
21 tied by blood to the pueblo people and other surrounding
22 Native American tribes, formed alliances and accommodated
23 each other's cultures, which allowed Santa Fe to flourish;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the peaceful acceptance of each other's

1 cultures continued after the United States' conquest of New
2 Mexico in 1846, contributing to the evolution of Santa Fe's
3 cultural heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, during 2010, Santa Fe will proudly observe the
5 four-hundred-year anniversary of its settlement as a villa
6 and its multicultural heritage with suitable events and
7 observances by the residents of Santa Fe to commemorate its
8 first four hundred years and to pass on to future generations
9 the heritage of Santa Fe and the surrounding region; and

10 WHEREAS, it is important that the commemoration provide
11 a foundation for healing the past and opening the way for a
12 permanent reconciliation between the descendants of Santa
13 Fe's Spanish colonists and the pueblo peoples as well as the
14 descendants of all of the other Santa Fe settlers who have
15 contributed to Santa Fe's multicultural heritage;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 14, 2010 be declared "Santa
18 Fe Four Hundredth Anniversary Day" at the senate and that
19 congratulations be expressed to the residents of Santa Fe and
20 gratitude be expressed to the surrounding pueblo communities
21 for the commemoration of the four-hundred-year establishment
22 of Santa Fe as a villa; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the pueblo people and the
24 residents of Santa Fe be invited and encouraged to
25 participate in ceremonies of reconciliation and mutual

1 recognition in furtherance of the more than four-hundred-year
2 history of Santa Fe; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of Santa
5 Fe and to the governors and tribal councils of all the pueblos
6 of New Mexico and to the other surrounding Native American
7 tribes.

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