

A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO
PARTICIPATE IN NEW MEXICO'S 2012 STATEHOOD CENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATION BY CREATING AND PROMOTING PROJECTS DESIGNED TO
HONOR, COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE THE HISTORY, TRADITIONS AND
FUTURE OF THE STATE WHILE FACILITATING EDUCATION, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND CIVIC PRIDE.

WHEREAS, after being inhabited for nearly three hundred
years, New Mexico joined the United States as a territory in
1850; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico strived for the next sixty years to
become a state; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 1912, New Mexico joined the
United States as the forty-seventh state in the union; and

WHEREAS, the cultural affairs department, in collaboration with both public and private entities, has led coordination of commemoration activities since 2009; and

WHEREAS, all New Mexico communities are invited to participate in this unique opportunity, with commemorative activities beginning August 28, 2011 and continuing through December 2012; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has many diverse and rich cultural traditions that go back more than one thousand years for Native Americans, more than four hundred years for European Americans, more than one hundred fifty years for African Americans and more than one hundred years for Asian Americans; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a historical heritage unmatched by any other state in the union; and

WHEREAS, trails and roads of national and international importance have crossed through or ended in New Mexico, such as El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro national historic trail, the Santa Fe trail, the Butterfield overland stage route, the Goodnight-Loving trail, the second transcontinental railroad in the 1880s and route 66, linking cultures and communities from east to west and north to south for several hundred years; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long and distinctive history of sending its residents to fight in the nation's conflicts, including the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Persian Gulf Conflict and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a leader in the nation's

scientific endeavors, beginning with Robert H. Goddard's
rocket experiments in the 1930s and the world's first atomic
explosion in 1945, and continuing with the achievements of the
Sandia and Los Alamos national laboratories; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has been a national pacesetter in
artistic expression since the late nineteenth century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that all state,
tribal and local government agencies be encouraged to
participate in New Mexico's 2012 statehood centennial
commemoration by creating and promoting projects designed to
honor, commemorate and celebrate the history, traditions and
future of the state while facilitating education, economic
development, tourism and civic pride; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

transmitted to the office of the governor, the administrative
office of the courts, the New Mexico legislative council, the
New Mexico association of counties, the New Mexico municipal
league and the governors and tribal councils of New Mexico's
Indian nations, tribes