

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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9 WHEREAS, after being inhabited for nearly three hundred
10 years, New Mexico joined the United States as a territory in
11 1850; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico has many diverse and rich cultural
24 traditions that go back more than a thousand years for Native
25 Americans, more than four hundred years for European

1 Americans, more than one hundred fifty years for African
2 Americans and more than one hundred years for Asian
3 Americans; and

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

6 WHEREAS, trails and roads of national and international
7 importance have crossed through or ended in New Mexico, such
8 as El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the Santa Fe trail, the
9 Butterfield overland stage trail, the Goodnight Loving trail,
10 the second transcontinental railroad in the 1880s and route
11 66, linking cultures and communities from east to west and
12 north to south for several hundred years; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long and distinctive history
14 of sending its residents to fight in the nation's conflicts,
15 including the Civil War, the Spanish-American War,
16 World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War,
17 the Gulf War and the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, New Mexico is a leader in the nation's
20 scientific endeavors, beginning with Robert Goddard's rocket
21 experiments in the 1930s and the world's first atomic
22 explosion in 1945 and continuing with the achievements of the
23 Sandia and Los Alamos national laboratories; and

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

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

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the office of the governor, the administrative
11 office of the courts, the New Mexico legislative council, the
12 New Mexico association of counties, the New Mexico municipal
13 league and the governors and tribal councils of New Mexico's
14 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos. _____

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