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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

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1 with both public and private entities, has led coordination of
2 commemoration activities since 2009; and

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

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

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

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

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

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