



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico is blessed with a true diversity of cultures that have shaped its rich history and unique modern identity; and

WHEREAS, the story of our great state is composed of the stories of generations of our citizens of Native American, Black, Hispanic, Anglo, Asian and other ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the true beauty and character of the Land of Enchantment are found in the beauty and character of its people, and the traditions and experience that their different heritages bring to our common home; and

WHEREAS, in an increasingly interconnected world, it is becoming ever more important to embrace our differences and celebrate the distinctive contributions of each community to our changing cultural landscape; and

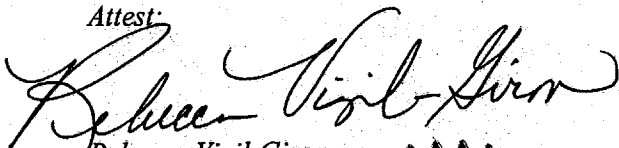
WHEREAS, New Mexico honors and cherishes its past, while looking forward to expanded opportunities for its people and the new frontiers that New Mexicans of all ethnic backgrounds are exploring to meet the challenges of the 21st century ;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the great State of New Mexico as a:

“Multicultural State”

and urge all citizens to reflect on the valuable contributions to our state and nation made by New Mexicans of diverse cultures throughout our history, and to appreciate the richness that our blended cultural inheritance brings to our lives every day.


Attest:


Rebecca Vigil-Giron
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
21st day of February, 2006.

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




Bill Richardson
Governor