



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, parents and families are a young child's first teachers and are essential to supporting a child's school readiness and future success; and

WHEREAS, parents and families promote a child's learning and health by caring for, nurturing and building upon the strengths of children; and

WHEREAS; this rapidly changing world means our children's success requires schools, families, and communities to work together; and

WHEREAS; culture, family tradition and home language are critically important in the fabric of New Mexico, bringing unique, necessary strengths to the state; and

WHEREAS; pillars to creating successful children are built on a process of valuing and respecting families of different circumstances, treating them as equal partners/joint decision-makers in the education of our children, and listening carefully to their perspectives; and

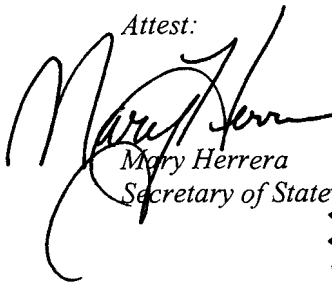
WHEREAS, acknowledging the strengths, capabilities, contributions, and interests of ALL families creates family friendly environments;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 12, 2009 as:

"Family and Parent Involvement Day"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:


Mary Herrera
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
28th day of January, 2009.

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


Bill Richardson
Governor

