



# State of New Mexico

## Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson  
Governor

### EXECUTIVE ORDER 2008-012

#### ESTABLISHING THE NEW MEXICO CENTENNIAL OF STATEHOOD TASK FORCE

**WHEREAS**, the Great State of New Mexico will celebrate its Centennial of Statehood beginning on January 6, 2012;

**WHEREAS**, 62 years of struggle and negotiation culminated in New Mexico entering the union as the 47th state of the United States of America;

**WHEREAS**, the Centennial marks 100 years of historic achievements, events, and innovations occurring in New Mexico and commemorates the accomplishments of New Mexicans in years past while looking forward to the next 100 years of statehood;

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs has already initiated the process of planning, facilitating, and implementing activities related to the celebration of the Centennial of Statehood by establishing the New Mexico Centennial Statehood Steering Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the process of inclusive community planning for the Centennial of Statehood through the coordination of the Department of Cultural Affairs will create a shared legacy that can be a source of common strength and inspiration for shaping the state's future.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of New Mexico, do hereby designate the Department of Cultural Affairs as the official coordinator of state-sanctioned events celebrating and exploring the centennial of our statehood and do hereby order the creation of the **New Mexico Centennial of Statehood Task Force** ("Task Force") as follows:

1. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to promote statehood activities and events in local communities throughout New Mexico as well as larger preservation projects with statewide significance and of lasting impact. The Task Force shall encourage funding proposals for community celebrations, commemorations, educational projects, and long lasting legacy projects that will serve to educate and remind citizens of New Mexico about the diversity, creativity, commitment, perseverance, enthusiasm and enchantment that together form the unique character of this state.

2. The Task Force shall be chaired by the Secretary of Cultural Affairs, and shall consist of ten additional members of the executive, including the Secretary of Tourism, the Secretary of Public Education, the Secretary of Higher Education, the Director of State Parks, the Executive Director of the Office of African American Affairs, the Secretary of Aging and Long-Term Services, the Secretary of Indian Affairs, the Secretary of Economic Development or their designees, the State Historian, a representative of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and four members of the New Mexico Legislature, including two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate or their designees.
3. The Task Force shall work with the already established Centennial of Statehood Steering Committee, comprised of culturally and geographically diverse educational, government and non-profit organizations that have developed a mission, vision and key legacy projects for the Centennial of Statehood.
4. The Department of Cultural Affairs shall provide administrative staff and support to the Task Force.
5. The Task Force shall convene as frequently as necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Task Force.
6. The Task Force shall be an advisory body and in no event shall it make final decisions regarding policy.
7. Task Force members shall serve voluntarily and shall receive no pay for their services, nor shall they be reimbursed for travel or subsistence expenses, unless otherwise provided by law.

**THIS ORDER** supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

  
MARY HERRERA  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS  
8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2008

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL  
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

  
BILL RICHARDSON  
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

