

1 Martinez have passed valuable skills and techniques through
2 family lineage to keep their art alive; and

3 WHEREAS, other famous artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe
4 were lured from the east coast by New Mexico's people,
5 landscapes and skies; and

6 WHEREAS, an article published by the New Mexico museum
7 of art states that in recent decades, many New Mexicans have
8 campaigned vigorously to promote a variety of causes that
9 they believe are fundamental to New Mexico's distinctive
10 character; and

11 WHEREAS, Santa Fe residents rallied around a revival of
12 the use of pueblo architecture and the old territorial
13 building style, ensuring a flavor of the past in the path of
14 modernity; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico's Native American population has
16 entered into a new period of activity and is expanding
17 outward and participating in city, state and national
18 affairs; and

19 WHEREAS, during his term of office, Governor Bill
20 Richardson issued a proclamation designating New Mexico a
21 "multicultural state"; and

22 WHEREAS, whether Hispanic, Native American, Anglo,
23 African American, Asian, Jewish, Christian or Muslim,
24 everyone is a New Mexican, was the message of the
25 proclamation; and

1 WHEREAS, political polarization today makes it even more
2 critical for New Mexicans to embrace a multicultural state;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, all New Mexicans would benefit from continuing
5 to explore ways to preserve the old alongside the new; and

6 WHEREAS, as New Mexico faces diminishing natural
7 resources, a reverence for the land and its waters is
8 crucial; and

9 WHEREAS, diversity is what helps make New Mexico a
10 friendlier and more welcoming community;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that in all of its
13 beauty, richness and diversity, New Mexico be celebrated as a
14 multicultural state; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that diversity and embracing all
16 cultures be encouraged; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs, the
19 executive director of the office on African American affairs,
20 the secretary of Indian affairs, the Hispanic cultural
21 division of the cultural affairs department, the New Mexico
22 branches of the national association for the advancement of
23 colored people and the president of the national Hispanic
24 cultural center.
