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HOUSE BILL 560

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HISPANIC PRESENCE IN NEW MEXICO; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FOR A CUARTOCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF  
CONTINUOUS HISPANIC PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES; DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS--HISPANIC PRESENCE IN NEW  
MEXICO.--The legislature of the state of New Mexico notes with  
pride that April 30, 1998 will mark the four hundredth  
anniversary of the founding of continuous European presence  
within the United States, and the convergence of the Hispanic  
and Native American cultures and traditions. This convergence  
will be celebrated with the cooperation of a wide variety of  
business, civic, cultural and governmental agencies in New  
Mexico as well as their counterparts in Mexico and Spain,

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1 bringing honor and attention to our state and region. New  
2 Mexico's people have and continue to make major contributions to  
3 this productive history, and the legislature elects to  
4 contribute to the quartocentennial project through exhibitions,  
5 publications and media programs, as well as cultural and  
6 artistic endeavors of every type.

7 Section 2. APPROPRIATION--CUARTOCENTENNIAL PROJECT--  
8 PURPOSE.--Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is  
9 appropriated from the general fund to the office of cultural  
10 affairs for expenditure in fiscal years 1996 and 1997 to provide  
11 support of the quartocentennial project, to be observed in 1998,  
12 to help celebrate four hundred years of diversity and richness  
13 produced and nurtured through our Hispanic and Native American  
14 cultures. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
15 the end of fiscal year 1997 shall revert to the general fund.

16 Section 3. EMERGENCY.--It is necessary for the public  
17 peace, health and safety that this act take effect immediately.