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A JOINT MEMORIAL

ENDORSING THE NEW MEXICO CENTENNIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA PROJECT.

WHEREAS, in January of the year 2012, New Mexico will celebrate the centennial of its statehood; and

WHEREAS, no other state in the United States possesses a deeper, richer or more diversified history than New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the historical society of New Mexico has proposed that an encyclopedia of New Mexico history and culture be prepared as a major and enduring centennial project; and

WHEREAS, it is proposed that this encyclopedia be lively, abundantly illustrated and comprehensive, covering every geographic area, every era from prehistoric to the present and every culture of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico will provide a home for this project, donating office space, faculty time and

1 assistance in fundraising; and

2 WHEREAS, the board of directors, contributing editors and

3 authors for this project will be drawn from every part of the

4 state and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, the enthusiastic endorsement of the New Mexico

6 state legislature is vital to the success of this momentous

7 educational project, both in publicizing it and in attracting

8 necessary personal, corporate and government funding;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico centennial encyclopedia

11 project be earnestly endorsed, that the preliminary planning of

12 the historical society of New Mexico be acknowledged and that

13 support of this exemplary educational undertaking be

14 recommended to other individuals and agencies so that, through

15 the publication of the centennial encyclopedia, others may

16 better understand and appreciate the richness and variety of

17 the heritage we share; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

19 sent to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico

20 and the board of the New Mexico historical society.

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