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**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 7, 2007 AS "SANTA FE DAY" AT THE LEGISLATURE  
AND RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE FOUR-HUNDRED-YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF LA VILLA REAL DE LA SANTA FE DE  
SAN FRANCISCO DE ASIS, 1607-1610.

WHEREAS, by 1600, the Pueblo people of the Rio Grande  
region had inhabited the area now known as Santa Fe for  
hundreds of years; and

WHEREAS, from at least the time of 1607 there existed a  
small settlement of Spanish people in that same area; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1609 the viceroy of New Spain,  
Martin Lopez de Gauna, upon the appointment of Don Pedro de  
Peralta as governor and captain general of New Mexico, did  
order governor Peralta to establish a villa at the site of what  
is now Santa Fe; and

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1           WHEREAS, by the summer of 1610 Peralta had established the  
2 city of Santa Fe; and

3           WHEREAS, during the period of 2007 through 2010, Santa Fe  
4 shall proudly observe the four-hundred-year anniversary of the  
5 founding of La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de  
6 Asis with suitable events and observances by the residents of  
7 Santa Fe to give thanks for its first four hundred years and to  
8 pass on to their children and grandchildren the Indo-Hispano  
9 heritage; and

10           WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe will develop programs in  
11 celebration of the four-hundred-year anniversary, including but  
12 not limited to educational initiatives, symposia and public  
13 events; and

14           WHEREAS, the founding of Santa Fe is a seminal event in  
15 the history of the United States; and

16           WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe is the oldest capital city  
17 in the United States; and

18           WHEREAS, the four-hundred-year anniversary of Santa Fe's  
19 founding is meant to have broad, local, regional, national and  
20 international impact; and

21           WHEREAS, the city of Santa Fe will commemorate March 30,  
22 2009 as the four-hundred-year anniversary of the date of the  
23 viceroy's orders to Peralta to establish the city of Santa Fe  
24 and will celebrate the founding of the city of Santa Fe during  
25 the period of memorial day 2010 through the end of fiestas that

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1 same year;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 7, 2007 be declared "Santa Fe  
4 Day" at the legislature and that congratulations be expressed  
5 to the residents of Santa Fe on the celebration of the four-  
6 hundred-year anniversary of their fair city; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to the mayor and city council of the city of Santa  
9 Fe.