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SENATE BILL 565

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS; PROVIDING THAT THE
AFRICAN AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND EXHIBIT HALL SHALL
BE MAINTAINED AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION AND ADMINISTERED FOR
SPECIFIED PURPOSES.

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

Section 1. AFRICAN AMERICAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER AND
EXHIBIT HALL--MAINTENANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.--The African
American performing arts center and exhibit hall shall be
maintained on the New Mexico state fair property in the city of
Albuquerque in Bernalillo county and shall be administered:

A. in a manner that will help educate the public
about the history and contributions of African Americans in New
Mexico;

B. as a place where people of all ages throughout

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1 the state can visit, study, work, perform and celebrate the
2 contributions and significance of African Americans in New
3 Mexico;

4 C. so that New Mexicans will be able to link their
5 future with their past through literature, fine art, modern
6 dance and music, storytelling, poetry and prose, painting,
7 sculpture, movement and song;

8 D. as a center responsible for conducting education
9 and health programs statewide for the African American
10 community;

11 E. in coordination with other culturally unique
12 facilities that celebrate New Mexico's rich and diverse
13 heritage; and

14 F. as a place to house permanent and traveling art
15 exhibits, as well as to provide public education programs on
16 the history, culture and arts of people of African descent.

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