



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Literacy is defined as the foundation of learning and is essential to the growth and success of all children; and*

*WHEREAS, children represent the hopes and dreams of the people of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, children should be nurtured and invested in to preserve and enhance the American Spirit, economic prosperity and democracy; and*

*WHEREAS, the designation of this day will provide an opportunity for children to reflect on their future, to articulate their dreams and aspirations, and find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities; and*

*WHEREAS, New Mexico libraries and the Out of School Time Network have partnered with educators, corporations and community based organizations to serve our youth; and*

*WHEREAS, the children of our nation are the responsibility of all its people, and people should be encouraged to celebrate the gifts of children to society – their curiosity, laughter, energy, spirit, hopes and dreams;*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2009 as:*

***“El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros”***

*throughout the State of New Mexico.*

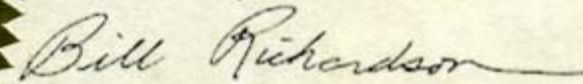
Attest:

  
Mary Herrera  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the Great State of New Mexico



  
Bill Richardson  
Governor