



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2003-022

ESTABLISHING CABINET LEVEL DEPARTMENTS AND SECRETARIES

WHEREAS, the State Agency on Aging, the Office of Cultural Affairs, the Office of Indian Affairs, and the Veterans' Service Commission would better serve the citizens of New Mexico if they were elevated to cabinet-level departments and led by a Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the forty-sixth legislature, first session, concurred in elevating these offices to cabinet-level departments, as demonstrated by the legislature's passage of House Bill 585; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 8, 2003, the Governor of the State of New Mexico signed into law House Bill 585, which authorizes the elevation of these offices to cabinet-level departments through the execution of an executive order; and

WHEREAS, the effective date of House Bill 585 is June 20, 2003.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in this office by the Constitution and Laws of New Mexico, hereby elevate the State Agency on Aging, the Office of Cultural Affairs, the Office of Indian Affairs, and the Veterans' Service Commission to cabinet-level departments as follows:

1. The State Agency on Aging shall become the Aging and Long-term Care Department; and
2. The Office of Cultural Affairs shall become the Cultural Affairs Department; and
3. The New Mexico Office of Indian Affairs shall become the Indian Affairs Department; and
4. The New Mexico Veterans' Service Commission shall become the Veterans' Service Department; and
5. The position of Director of the State Agency on Aging is hereby elevated to the position of Secretary of the Aging and Long-term Care Department; and
6. The position of State Cultural Affairs Officer of the Office of Cultural Affairs is hereby elevated to the position of Secretary of the Cultural Affairs Department; and
7. The position of Executive Director of the Office of Indian Affairs is hereby elevated to the Secretary of the Indian Affairs Department; and
8. The position of Director of Veterans' Affairs is hereby elevated to the Secretary of the Veterans' Service Department; and
9. The functions, personnel, appropriations, money, records, files, furniture, equipment, supplies, and other property of the former Office of Cultural Affairs, Office of Indian

- Affairs, the Veterans' Service Commission, and the State Agency on Aging shall be transferred to their respective cabinet-level departments; and
10. In the case of the State Agency on Aging, the functions, personnel, appropriations, money, records, files, furniture, equipment, supplies, and other property of the Children, Youth, and Families Department, Human Services Department, and Department of Health pertaining to adult services shall be transferred to the newly-established Aging and Long-term Care Department; and
 11. All contractual and statutory obligations of the former offices shall be the obligations of the newly-established cabinet-level departments; and
 12. I have appointed a Secretary for each of the cabinet-level departments established herein, subject to the advice and consent of the senate.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

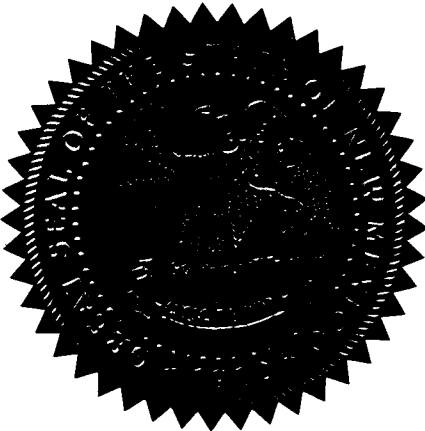
ATTEST:



REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2003

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR