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First Lady Barbara Richardson Presents Folk Art Museum with \$70,000

SANTA FE- First Lady Barbara Richardson, honorary co-chair of the 2004 Santa Fe International Folk Art Market, today presented the Museum of International Folk Art with a check for \$70,000. The money represents proceeds from the inaugural Santa Fe International Folk Art Market held in July 2004.

“The success of the inaugural Santa Fe International Folk Art Market reflects the world’s immense interest in international folk art traditions and in Santa Fe as a mecca for international folk art and culture,” First Lady Barbara Richardson said.

“Santa Fe’s history as a multicultural crossroads dates to the Camino Real, Santa Fe Trail and the railroad, which all served as vibrant trade routes that transported the world’s peoples and material cultures to the city. The prestigious presence of the Museum of International Folk Art gives the city an even more important role as a hub of international culture.”

The Museum of International Folk Art, which opened in 1953, boasts the world’s largest collection of international folk art-more than 130,000 objects from six continents and over 100 nations. The folk art market’s \$70,000 gift to the museum will further support the museum’s mission to promote widespread understanding of the world’s folk art cultures and preserve their artistic traditions, said museum director Joyce Ice.