



# State of New Mexico

## *Office of the Governor*

**Bill Richardson**  
Governor

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### **Governor Richardson to Speak Monday at Tribal Education Summit, Announce Funding Awards**

#### *Governor Directs State to Use Ohkay Owingeh Name for Former San Juan Pueblo*

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson will give the keynote address at the State Tribal Education Summit Monday at Ohkay Owingeh (formerly San Juan Pueblo). The Governor’s remarks will begin at 9:00 am at the Ohkay Owingeh Dome.

Governor Richardson will address the state’s plans to improve education for New Mexico’s tribes and pueblos through his “Year of the Child” legislative agenda.

The Governor will also announce state funding for 12 vital tribal infrastructure projects. These projects are designed to improve the quality of life, and encourages economic development opportunities.

Governor Richardson has also directed all state government departments and agencies to begin using the Ohkay Owingeh name for what was formerly known as San Juan Pueblo.

“My official proclamation recognizes that the people of this Pueblo have decided to resume the use of the traditional name for their ancestral home,” said Governor Richardson. “I have always been a strong supporter of Tribal sovereignty and I respect Ohkay Owingeh’s wishes in this matter.”

The Governor will present Ohkay Owingeh Governor Joe Garcia with this proclamation Monday.

*WHEREAS, the Spaniards, when they entered New Mexico in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, assigned European names to the indigenous pueblos they encountered; and*

*WHEREAS, Don Juan de Oñate, who led the first group of Spanish Colonists into New Mexico in 1598, established his first capitol at the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh, located in northern New Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, Oñate renamed Ohkay Owingeh, “San Juan de los Caballeros” for his sojourn there, and it has been known by that name from Spanish Colonial times through the present; and*

*WHEREAS, the people of San Juan Pueblo have decided to resume the use of the traditional name for their ancestral home;*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim that the pueblo community formerly known as San Juan Pueblo shall henceforth be known by its traditional and true name, Ohkay Owingeh, in all official publications and records of the State of New Mexico.*

*Beginning December 19, 2005, I hereby instruct all state agencies and offices to use the name Ohkay Owingeh in all official documents and records having occasion to note the name of this old, proud pueblo.*

**I. Attest:  
Office this**

**Done at the Executive**

*14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.*

*Rebecca Vigil-Giron*  
**II. Secretary of State  
Mexico**

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

*Bill Richardson*  
*Governor*

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