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Governor Bill Richardson proclaims today “Lobos Appreciation Day”

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today signed a proclamation honoring the University of New Mexico men’s basketball team after its impressive victory Tuesday over the nationally ranked Utah Utes.

The proclamation declares today, Feb. 22, 2005, as “Lobos Appreciation Day” in New Mexico.

Here is a copy of the proclamation:

***WHEREAS**, the University of New Mexico men’s basketball team showed determination and resilience during its 65-54 win over conference rival Utah Utes, ranked 13th in the nation; and*

***WHEREAS**, 17,360 raucous Lobos fans brought The Pit back to life on Big Monday, providing a crucial “sixth-man” advantage that helped lift the team to victory; and*

***WHEREAS**, Lobos Coach Ritchie McKay earned his 20th victory for the first time in his nine-year coaching career; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Lobos, with a 20-6 record, overcame key injuries in time to be considered a legitimate post-season contender as the team heads into the Mountain West Conference tournament; and*

WHEREAS, Lobos star Danny Granger provided crucial leadership by rallying his teammates and proving he can compete against the best talent in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the entire Lobo squad epitomized teamwork, led by the explosive offense from Mark Walters, tenacious defense from David Chiotti and Alfred Neale's dominance on the boards; and

WHEREAS, the Lobos made the entire State of New Mexico proud;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the 22nd day of February 2005 as:

“Lobos Appreciation Day”

throughout the State of New Mexico.

*Bill Richardson
Governor*