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Governor Bill Richardson Designates \$20,000 for Chimayo Museum, \$19,000 to Sustain Semos in Public Schools

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson has also directed \$20,000 to the Department of Cultural Affairs to provide emergency support to the Chimayó Museum.

"The Chimayo Museum is an important part of our local heritage," said Governor Richardson. "I am glad that I am able to make sure that they stay open."

This is consistent with the Department's (administration's) practice of providing financial and technical support in areas where the Department does not have a physical presence.

"It is not surprising that Governor Richardson has, once again, risen to the occasion to protect the culture and heritage of the people of New Mexico. This rescue effort from the Governor will energize the community and save an important cultural asset for the people of Northern New Mexico" said Stuart Ashman, Secretary of Cultural Affairs.

Governor Richardson has also allocated \$19,000 for "Semos Unlimited", which provides bilingual classroom materials for public school students. For 15 years, Semos has produced a monthly bilingual reader called "Amigos". The funding for Semos will help to make sure that our bilingual program stays strong. Money will be made available through the Department of Public Education.