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Governor Bill Richardson's Job Approval Rating up to 69 percent -- Ranks 7th among Governors

Governor also announces NM ranks 6th in Job Growth

SANTA FE – New Mexico Bill Richardson was ranked as the 7th most popular Governor in the nation with a 69 percent job approval rating, according to the latest Survey USA poll released today.

Governor Richardson's job approval rating jumped from 65 percent in August to 69 percent in September, according to the poll, which was taken Sept. 14-17.

"This poll reflects the overwhelmingly positive comments I am hearing as I travel across the state," said Governor Richardson, who is spending time in Gallup and Grants today. "At a time when most New Mexicans feel the country is moving in the wrong direction, I am pleased that there is such strong support for our successful efforts to cut taxes for working families, increase access to quality health care and invest in schools."

Governor Richardson today also announced new federal Labor Department statistics that show New Mexico's strong, broad-based economy continues to improve.

Under Governor Richardson's leadership, 26,200 new jobs were created during the past year. The 3.2 percent growth is the 6th strongest in the nation.

New Mexico's unemployment rate also improved slightly to 4.3 percent, which is lower than the national unemployment rate of 4.7 percent.

The Survey USA Poll surveyed 600 adults in all 50 states; margin of error +/- 4% (release, 9/21). Results and highlights can be found at: www.surveyusa.com

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