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## **Governor Bill Richardson Proclaims Today “Lobos Football Appreciation Day”**

SANTA FE -- Governor Bill Richardson signed a proclamation today in honor of the University of New Mexico’s victory over Nevada to capture the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual New Mexico Bowl title.

“Coach Long and the Lobos deserve this title,” Governor Richardson said. “On behalf of all New Mexicans, I want to congratulate these student athletes for their perseverance and hard work. We are proud of their accomplishments.”

The text of the proclamation follows:

WHEREAS, the University of New Mexico Lobos defeated the Nevada Wolf Pack, 23-0, claiming the second annual New Mexico Bowl title; and

WHEREAS, Saturday’s victory was the first bowl victory for the Lobos in 46 year; and

WHEREAS, the Lobos defense shut down Nevada’s prolific offense, ending a streak of 329 games without a shut out; and

WHEREAS, Brett Madsen earned the honor of New Mexico Bowl Defensive Player of the Game; and

WHEREAS, the Lobos offense racked up 548 yards of offense, highlighted by impressive individual performances by Paul Baker, Marcus Smith and Donovan Porterie, the New Mexico Bowl Offensive Player of the game; and

WHEREAS, Coach Rocky Long led his Lobos to a successful 9-4 season, and showcased both the University’s football program and the State of New Mexico on national TV;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim December 24th, 2007 as:

“LOBOS FOOTBALL APPRECIATION DAY” throughout the State of New Mexico.

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