



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON



For immediate release
February 22, 2008

Contact: Caitlin Kelleher
(505) 476-2299

Governor Richardson Proclaims Albuquerque Tribune Day

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today issued a proclamation in honor of the Albuquerque Tribune and declared February 23, 2008, “Albuquerque Tribune Day.” The Albuquerque Tribune will publish its final edition on Saturday.

“The Tribune has been an important institution – a voice for the people – for 86 years,” Governor Bill Richardson said. “While I am saddened that we are losing this voice, I join Editor Phill Casaus in calling on my fellow New Mexicans to celebrate the Tribune’s long and proud history and its honorable service to the state.”

Full text of the proclamation follows:

***WHEREAS**, the Albuquerque Tribune published its first newspaper as Magee’s Independent in 1922, and was renamed the New Mexico State Tribune in 1933; and*

***WHEREAS**, for 86 years Tribune writers and photographers haven taken seriously their role as community storytellers, highlighting the tales of ordinary people and their extraordinary accomplishments through consistent, award-winning and in-depth coverage, as well as dramatic, surprising and quietly beautiful photography; and*

***WHEREAS**, Tribune columnists and editorial writers have needled those in power when they (often) needed it and praised them when they (rarely) deserved it, contributing to a reputation as an aggressive and tenacious watchdog of government at all levels; and*

***WHEREAS**, in 1994 The Tribune won journalism’s most coveted award – the Pulitzer Prize – for its series, “The Plutonium Experiment;” and*

***WHEREAS**, by virtue of these strengths, The Tribune has served as a fertile training ground for reporters, editors, photographers and designers, many of whom have carried their skills across the country and beyond to work as journalists; and*

***WHEREAS**, catering to adults and children alike, The Tribune mastered the art of the most precious page in every newspaper: the comics; and*

***WHEREAS**, whether by Election Night deli feasts, lunchtime pizza pigouts or the most holy of Tribune holidays, Pie Friday, the Tribune has proven time and time again that a newsroom travels on its stomach; and*

***WHEREAS**, as editor, Phill Casaus performed his duties with fairness and diplomacy during the final years of The Tribune; and*

***WHEREAS**, after 86 years of committed journalism and outstanding storytelling, on February 23rd 2008 the Albuquerque Tribune will publish its final edition for all of New Mexico to enjoy;*

***NOW, THEREFORE I**, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2008 as:*

“Albuquerque Tribune Day”

throughout the State of New Mexico in recognition of the valuable contributions the Tribune has made to the community it has served with honor.

Attest:

*Done at the Executive Office this
21st day of February, 2008.*

*Mary Herrera
Secretary of State*

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

*Bill Richardson
Governor*

#30#