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## **Governor Bill Richardson Proclaims Saturday “Lobos Women’s Basketball Day”**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson today signed a proclamation honoring the University of New Mexico women’s basketball team for a great season capped with a Mountain West Conference Tournament Championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Governor Richardson is calling on all New Mexicans to join him in cheering on the Lobos as they take on West Virginia in the first round of the NCAA Tournament tomorrow night in the Pit.

The proclamation declares tomorrow, Saturday, March 22, 2008, as “Lobos Women’s Basketball Day” in New Mexico.

Here is a copy of the proclamation:

**WHEREAS**, *the University of New Mexico women’s basketball team’s talent and determination earned them a spot in the NCAA Women’s Basketball Tournament for the seventh straight year,*

**WHEREAS**, *the Lobos pulled off a thrilling victory against San Diego State to clinch the Mountain West Tournament Championship, the team’s fifth in six years,*

**WHEREAS**, *the Lobos rallied from a slow start to end the regular season with an impressive 20-12 overall record and 9-7 in the Mountain West Conference,*

**WHEREAS**, *the entire Lobos squad epitomized the spirit of teamwork, led by senior offensive powerhouse Dionne Marsh, the team’s all-time career scoring leader and sixth in career rebounds, and senior double threat Brandi Kimble who is eighth in career steals,*

**WHEREAS**, *Coach Don Flanagan further cemented his legacy as the winningest coach in the team’s history by improving his overall record to 283-125,*

**WHEREAS**, *Lobos fans, game in and game out, flooded the Pit showing their avid support of the team and making the Lobos women seventh in the nation for home attendance,*

**WHEREAS**, *the Lobos continue to make the entire State of New Mexico proud:*

NOW, THEREFORE I, **Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico**, do hereby proclaim the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2008 as:

*“Lobos Women’s Basketball Day”*

throughout the State of New Mexico.

*Bill Richardson  
Governor*