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Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To authorize funding for the expansion annex of the historic Palace of the Governors, a public history museum located, and relating to the history of Hispanic and Native American culture, in the Southwest and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Palace of the Gov-
5 ernors Annex Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF PALACE OF THE GOVERNORS**

2 **ANNEX, SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) the United States has a rich legacy of His-
5 panic influence in politics, government, economic de-
6 velopment, and cultural expression;

7 (2) the Palace of the Governors—

8 (A) has been the center of administrative
9 and cultural activity over a vast region of the
10 Southwest since its construction as New Mexi-
11 co's second capitol in Santa Fe by Governor
12 Pedro de Peralta in 1610;

13 (B) is the oldest continuously occupied
14 public building in the continental United States,
15 having been occupied for 390 years; and

16 (C) has been designated as a National His-
17 toric Landmark;

18 (3) since its creation, the Museum of New Mex-
19 ico has worked to protect and promote South-
20 western, Hispanic, and Native American arts and
21 crafts;

22 (4) the Palace of the Governors houses the his-
23 tory division of the Museum of New Mexico;

24 (5) the Museum has an extensive, priceless, and
25 irreplaceable collection of—

- 1 (A) Spanish Colonial paintings (including
2 the Segesser Hide Paintings, paintings on buf-
3 falo hide dating back to 1706);
- 4 (B) pre-Columbian Art; and
- 5 (C) historic artifacts, including—
- 6 (i) helmets and armor worn by the
7 Don Juan de Oñate expedition conquis-
8 tadors who established the first capital in
9 the territory that is now the United States,
10 San Juan de los Caballeros, in July 1598;
- 11 (ii) the Vara Stick used to measure
12 land grants and other real property bound-
13 aries in Dona Ana County, New Mexico;
- 14 (iii) the Columbus, New Mexico Rail-
15 way Station clock that was shot, stopping
16 the pendulum, freezing for all history the
17 moment when Pancho Villa's raid began;
- 18 (iv) the field desk of Brigadier Gen-
19 eral Stephen Watts Kearny, who was post-
20 ed to New Mexico during the Mexican War
21 and whose Army of the West traveled the
22 Santa Fe trail to occupy the territories of
23 New Mexico and California; and

1 (v) more than 800,000 other historic
2 photographs, guns, costumes, maps, books,
3 and handiercrafts;

4 (6) the Palace of the Governors and its con-
5 tents are included in the Mary C. Skaggs Centennial
6 Collection of America's Treasures;

7 (7) the Palace of the Governors and the
8 Segesser Hide paintings have been declared national
9 treasures by the National Trust for Historic Preser-
10 vation; and

11 (8) time is of the essence in the construction of
12 an annex to the Palace of the Governors for the ex-
13 hibition and storing of the collection described in
14 paragraph (5), because—

15 (A) the existing facilities for exhibiting and
16 storing the collection are so inadequate and un-
17 suitable that existence of the collection is en-
18 dangered and its preservation is in jeopardy;
19 and

20 (B) 2010 marks the 400th anniversary of
21 the continuous occupation and use of the Palace
22 of the Governors and is an appropriate date for
23 ensuring the continued viability of the collec-
24 tion.

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ANNEX.—The term “Annex” means the
2 annex for the Palace of the Governors of the Mu-
3 seum of New Mexico, to be constructed behind the
4 Palace of the Governors building at 110 Lincoln Av-
5 enue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

6 (2) OFFICE.—The term “Office” means the
7 State Office of Cultural Affairs.

8 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
11 of New Mexico.

12 (c) GRANT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of
14 appropriations, the Secretary shall make a grant to
15 the Office to pay 50 percent of the costs of the final
16 design, construction, management, inspection, fur-
17 nishing, and equipping of the Annex.

18 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Subject to the avail-
19 ability of appropriations, to receive a grant under
20 this paragraph (1), the Office shall—

21 (A) submit to the Secretary a copy of the
22 architectural blueprints for the Annex; and

23 (B) enter into a memorandum of under-
24 standing with the Secretary under subsection

25 (d).

1 (d) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—At the re-
 2 quest of the Office, the Secretary shall enter into a memo-
 3 randum of understanding with the Office that—

4 (1) requires that the Office award the contract
 5 for construction of the Annex after a competitive
 6 bidding process and in accordance with the New
 7 Mexico Procurement Code; and

8 (2) specifies a date for completion of the Annex.

9 (e) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share
 10 of the costs of the final design, construction, management,
 11 inspection, furnishing, and equipping of the Annex—

12 (1) may be in cash or in kind fairly evaluated,
 13 including land, art and artifact collections, plant,
 14 equipment, or services; and

15 (2) shall include any contribution received by
 16 the State (including contributions from the New
 17 Mexico Foundation and other endowment funds) for,
 18 and any expenditure made by the State for, the Pal-
 19 ace of the Governors or the Annex, including—

20 (A) design;

21 (B) land acquisition (including the land at
 22 110 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico);

23 (C) acquisitions for and renovation of the
 24 library;

1 (D) conservation of the Palace of the Gov-
 2 ernors;

3 (E) construction, management, inspection,
 4 furnishing, and equipping of the Annex; and

5 (F) donations of art collections and arti-
 6 facts to the Museum of New Mexico on or after
 7 the date of enactment of this Act.

8 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—The funds received under a
 9 grant awarded under subsection (c) shall be used only for
 10 the final design, construction, management, inspection,
 11 furnishing and equipment of the Annex.

12 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
 14 subject to the availability of appropriations, there is
 15 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to
 16 carry out this section \$15,000,000, to remain avail-
 17 able until expended.

18 (2) CONDITION.—Paragraph (1) authorizes
 19 sums to be appropriated on the condition that—

20 (A) after the date of enactment of this Act
 21 and before January 1, 2010, the State appro-
 22 priate at least \$8,000,000 to pay the costs of
 23 the final design, construction, management, in-
 24 spection, furnishing, and equipping of the
 25 Annex; and

1 (B) other non-Federal sources provide suf-
2 ficient funds to pay the remainder of the 50
3 percent non-Federal share of those costs.

Passed the Senate April 13, 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.