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American G. I. Forum of New Mexico

Chartered Veteran's Organization



P.M. Box 1331
Santa Fe, New Mexico

February 10, 1957

Honorable Edwin Mechem
Governor of New Mexico
Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Governor Mechem:

On Monday, February 4, 1957, Mr. Ximenez and I were at your office to request of you to sign the attached declaration for the American G.I. Forum of New Mexico. We were told that you were too busy and that we could not see you. We then left the document with your secretary and requested that it be placed on your desk for your signature.

I repeatedly called at your office on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in person and by telephone, and I was told that you had twice returned the declaration back to your secretary without any explanation for not signing it. It was then very obvious that our earnest request of you would not be honored, and on Friday at 4:50 P.M. I came to your office and took the declaration back with me.

Perhaps you have a personal reason for refusing to sign this declaration; however, we firmly believe that we are entitled to at least an explanation for your attitude on this matter, and we hereby so request it.

Very truly yours,

Vicente B. Jasso
State Chairman

cc: State Secretary, American G.I. Forum of New Mexico
State Treasurer, American G.I. Forum of New Mexico
National Chairman, American G.I. Forum of the U. S.

Encl.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the American G. I Forum has, since its organization, been dedicated to the cause of serving the American people, their country, their State, for the purpose of securing a better way of life for all citizens regardless of race, color, or creed, and

WHEREAS, the state organization has at all times strived for the advancement of a healthier Democracy in line with the principles and ideals enunciated in our fundamental law of our land, and

WHEREAS, it is fit and proper that this organization should be recognized for the high ideals and progressive principles for which it has stood

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of New Mexico, I hereby proclaim the Week of February fourth through February tenth, as American G. I. Forum Week in the State of New Mexico and urge all citizens to join in a crusade of fostering greater appreciation for the placing of our Democratic form of government, the betterment of the American citizen, economically, socially and scholastically, as exemplified by this patriotic organization, down at Santa Fe this _____ day of February, the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fity Seven, A. D.

GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE