



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

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A Congratulatory Message from Governor Bill Richardson

As Governor of the great State of New Mexico, I do hereby extend my sincere congratulations to the Boy Scouts of America on its upcoming 100th Anniversary. Through your Anniversary program "A Year of celebration, A Century of Making a Difference" participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors.

I understand that through the efforts of more than 120 million volunteers since 1910, 1.2 million volunteers annually, Scouting teaches millions of youth important lessons about leadership, character, and service. It is important that an estimated 94,000 hours of community service offered by Scouts, volunteers, and their families each year in every state, result in 4.7 million hours of service nationally. This contributes significantly to our local communities.

The independent sector, a coalition of foundations, non-profit organizations, corporations, and individuals have volunteered more than \$82 million annually, through service that addresses hunger, inadequate housing, and poor health.

The State of New Mexico supports the basic aims of Scouting, which includes teaching our youth to take care of themselves, to be helpful to others, and to develop courage, self-reliance, and the will to be ready to serve in an emergency. The Scouting movement has taught our youth to do their best, to do their duty to God and Country, to help others, and to prepare themselves physically, mentally, and morally to meet these goals.

Again, I commend the Boy Scouts of America for its contribution and impact in the State of New Mexico and extend my sincere congratulations on its 100th Anniversary!

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Richardson".

Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico