

**Whereas,** Albuquerque was founded in this place in 1706 and today is celebrating its 307<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**Whereas,** we are here today to celebrate both the lives and contributions of those who built this community by honoring their heritage; and

**Whereas,** we honor the various groups who defined the five Eras of our history: Native American, Spanish, Mexican, Territorial and Statehood; and

**Whereas,** during those Eras the flags of Spain, The Republic of Mexico, the Confederate States of America and the United States of America have all flown over our city and state; and

**Whereas,** diverse peoples representing all races and many cultures who came here from throughout the world made phenomenal contributions to the political, economic, educational, cultural and religious life of our city; and

**Whereas,** as a result of those contributions, we are today a great city boasting a highly diverse population that helps build a bright future for generations to come; and

**Now, Therefore, I, Richard J. Berry, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, do hereby proclaim, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, as:**

**“Founders’ Day in the City of Albuquerque”**

