

# NM Office of Peace Act

## Summary

### **Purpose:**

To establish a state office dedicated to peacemaking, justice and human rights, training that will enable the prevention, management and resolution of conflict without violence, and the study and implementation of conditions that are conducive to a culture of peace.

### **Duties:**

- Impact the Prevention, Management, and Resolution of Conflict
  - Organize public dialogues throughout the state to address controversial issues and conflict
  - Coordinate, support and collaborate with established efforts to build upon existing programs as well as develop new approaches
  - Establish community-based violence prevention programs
- Support the Education of Future Generations
  - Develop a peace education curriculum
  - Make available supporting materials to school districts throughout the state
  - Provide peace education grants for expansion of peace studies and skills at all educational levels
- Promote Conditions that Build a Culture of Peace
  - Support victims of violence and family members of perpetrators of violence
  - Promote tolerance and understanding among the diverse peoples of NM
  - Study and promote ways to insure a sustainable, life-affirming peace economy
- Keep the Public Informed
  - Disseminate information on effective community peace-building activities
  - Make studies available that address the role of media and its affects on conflict
  - Publish activities of the office
  - Sponsor conferences to provide forums for peace issues and studies

**ACTION** Contact your state legislators and the Governor and urge them to support and fund the NM Office of Peace. Senate sponsor: Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino  
Complete 2009 bill available: [www.thedepartmentofpeacenm.org](http://www.thedepartmentofpeacenm.org)