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## New Mexico History – 1870-2020 (150 Years)

### 1848-1889 – US Territorial Period

#### Notable items prior to 1870:

1820 – Pueblos became Mexican citizens at the conclusion of the Mexican revolution

1821 – Captain William Becknell blazed the path of what would become known as the Santa Fe Trail

1848 – Pueblos became U.S. citizens at the conclusion of the Mexican War

9/9/1850 – New Mexico Becomes a US Territory – The Compromise of 1850 - President Millard Fillmore signs into law the Organic Act, admitting New Mexico into the Union as a territory and allowing for the formation of a territorial government.

1851 – Jean Baptiste Lamy Arrives – Future Archbishop of Santa Fe

1851 – Sodomy becomes a capital offense

1854 – Gadsden Purchase - US pays Mexico \$10 million for 29,670 square miles of Mexican territory that becomes part of Arizona and New Mexico, giving the US a route for a southern transcontinental railroad and ownership of the copper mines at Santa Rita.

1862 – Civil War Battles in New Mexico

1864 Navajo Long Walk – they walked 450 miles in eighteen days. At least two hundred Navajos perish on the Long Walk.

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1869-8/1871 – Governor: William Anderson Pie (R)

1869 – Building began for the St. Francis Cathedral; finished in 1886

1870 – Federal Census – New Mexico territory's population was 91,874

8/1/1871-6/3/1875 – Governor: Marsh Giddings (R)

6/3/1875-7/30/1875 – Governor: William G. Ritch (R)

7/30/1875-9/29/1878 – Governor: Samuel Beach Axtell (R)



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9/29/1878-3/9/1881 – Governor: Lewis Wallace (R)

2/13/1879 Railroad Reaches New Mexico – first passenger train arrives in Otero. One year later, the line is extended through Santa Fe counties

1880 – Federal Census – New Mexico territory's population was 119,565

3/9/1881-1885 – Governor: Lionel Allen Sheldon (R)

7/14/1881 – Billy the Kid was shot and killed

1885-1889 – Governor: Edmund G. Ross (D)

1886 – Geronimo surrenders; Indian uprising ceased

1888-1889 – State Universities Established – Las Cruces College. Becomes NM State University in 1960.

1889-1893 – Governor: L. Bradford Prince (R)

1893-1897 – Governor: William Taylor Thornton (D)

1897-1906 – Governor: Miguel Otero (R)

1898 – Thomas Alva Edison produced first motion picture in New Mexico

1906-1907 – Governor: Herbert James Hagerman (R)

1906 – Daughters of the American Revolution mark the Santa Fe Trail with stone monuments

1907-3/1/1910 – Governor: George Curry (R)

1909 – The Museum of New Mexico opens

3/1/1910-1/15/1912 – Governor: William J. Mills (R)

1910 – New Mexico Constitution drafted

1/6/1912 – New Mexico becomes the 47<sup>th</sup> State – President William H. Taft

1/15/1912-1/1/1917 – Governor: William C. McDonald (D)

1912 – Santa Fe becomes the state capital



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1/1/1917-2/18/1917 – Governor: Ezequiel Cabeza De Baca (D)

1917 – New Mexico Museum of Art was built

2/18/1917-1/1/1919 – Governor: Washington Lindsey (R)

1/1/1919-1/1/1921 – Governor: Octaviano Larrazolo (R)

1/1/1921-1/1/1923 – Governor: Merritt C. Mechem (R)

1922 – Oil discovered on Navajo Reservation

1922 – Current version of La Fonda was built

1922 – First Indian Market was organized by Kenneth Chapman / Museum of New Mexico

1/1/1923-1/1/1925 – Governor: James F. Hinkle (D)

1924 – Indian Citizenship Act passed

1/1/1925-1/1/1927 – Governor: Arthur T. Hannett (D)

1925 – La Fonda was leased to Fred Harvey and became one of the famous Harvey Houses (until 1968)

1926 – Route 66 goes through Santa Fe; the Old Santa Fe Trail Association was established

1/1/1927-1/1/1931 – Governor: Richard Dillon (R)

1928 – Oil is discovered in Hobbs – sets off boom in NM “Oil Patch”

1929 – Georgia O’Keeffe began spending part of the year in the southwest

1/1/1931-9/25/1933 – Governor: Arthur Seligman (D)

1931 – The Lensic opened

9/25/1933-1/1/1935 – Governor: Andrew W. Hockenhull (D)

1/1/1935-1/1/1939 – Governor: Clyde Tingley (D)

1/1/1939-1/1/1943 – Governor: John E. Miles (D)

1/1/1943-1/1/1947 – Governor: John J. Dempsey (D)



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1943-1945 – The Manhattan Project – the US Army builds Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

1945 – The first atomic bomb is detonated in Trinity, New Mexico

1946 – Georgia O’Keeffe moved to Santa Fe full-time after Alfred Stieglitz death

1/1/1947-1/1/1951 – Governor: Thomas J. Mabry (D)

1947 – A UFO supposedly crash lands near Roswell

1948 – Pueblo people win the right to vote

1/1/1951-1/1/1955 – Governor: Edwin L. Mechem (R)

1953 – New Mexico Supreme Court held that fellatio was not outlawed by the state’s sodomy statute

1/1/1955-1/1/1957 – Governor: John F. Simms (D)

1/1/1957-1/1/1959 – Governor: Edwin L. Mechem (R)

1957 – Santa Fe Opera’s first season

1958 – Santa Fe city code zoning passed that mandates the city’s distinctive Spanish-Pueblo style of architecture, based on the adobe (mud and straw) and wood construction of the past be preserved.

1/1/1959-1/1/1961 – Governor: John Burroughs (D)

1/1/1961-11/30/1962 – Governor: Edwin L. Mechem (R)

1961 – First attempt to repeal the state’s sodomy law; passed House, not successful in Senate

1/30/1962-1/1/1963 – Governor: Tom Bolack (R)

1/1/1963-1/1/1967 – Governor: Jack M. Campbell (D)

1/1/1967-1/1/1971 – Governor: David Cargo (R)

1967 – New Mexico Court of Appeals held that cunnilingus was criminal under state law – whether heterosexual or homosexual

1967 – Santa Fe Opera House destroyed by fires, soon rebuilt



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6/5/1967 – Tierra Amarilla Courthouse Raid – attempt to bring attention to the usurpation of Hispanic land grants by Anglo landowners and the US government.

1970 – Return of Blue Lake to Taos Pueblo - President Nixon signs Congressional legislation returning Blue Lake, sacred to the people of Taos Pueblo, and 48,000 acres of surrounding land to the pueblo.

1/1/1971-1/1/1975 – Governor: Bruce King (D)

1/1/1975-1/1/1979 – **Governor: Jerry Apodaca (D)**

1975 – New Mexico repealed its anti-sodomy law, making it one of the first U.S. states to do so. Same-sex activities are now legal.

1/1/1979-1/1/1983 – Governor: Bruce King (D)

1979 – Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA) opens

1980 – Intel Opens Microchip Plant in Rio Rancho - Fueled by high-paying jobs at Intel, Rio Rancho becomes one of fastest-growing cities in the United States.

1/1/1983-1/1/1987 – **Governor: Toney Anaya (D)**

1985 – New Mexico prohibits discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation

1986 – An attempt to reinstate the sodomy law failed

1987 – Santa Fe National Historic Trail established

1/1/1987-1/1/1991 – **Governor: Garrey Carruthers (R)**

1/1/1991-1/1/1995 – Governor: Bruce King (D)

1/1/1995-1/1/2003 – **Governor: Gary Johnson (R)**

1998 – New Mexico celebrated cuatrocenenario, 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding

2000 – Valles Caldera National Preserve established

1/1/2003-1/1/2011 – **Governor: Bill Richardson (D)**

2003 – New Mexico provided benefits to same-sex partners of state employees



2003 – New Mexico directly and explicitly addresses violence and hate crimes committed solely based on the victim's or victims' actual or perceived race, religion, color, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.<sup>1</sup>

7/1/2003 - New Mexico law protected against discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity "in matters of employment, housing, credit, public accommodations and union membership."

10/4/2005 – Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi was official elevated to a basilica by Pope Benedict XVI

2008 – New Mexico had highest poverty rate in US

2009 – Death Penalty abolished

1/1/2011-1/1/2019 – **Governor: Susana Martinez (R)**

6/2012 – the state's highest court granted parental rights to the [lesbian] who had been unable to adopt her partner's adopted child but who had helped raise and had supported the child financially.

12/19/2013 – New Mexico Supreme Court ruled that the state must provide same-sex couples with the same marriage rights as different-sex couples, making New Mexico the 17<sup>th</sup> U.S. state to recognize same-sex marriage.

2017 – New Mexico Legislature passed a bill that banned sexual orientation change efforts on minors. The bill went into effect on 4/7/2017.

1/1/2019-Present – **Governor: Michelle Lujan Grisham (D)**

3/2019 – New Mexico Legislature passed a bill within both houses unanimously to codify same-sex marriage legislation. The bill was signed into law in April and went into effect 7/1/19.

3/2019 – New Mexico Legislature passed a bill within both houses to protect students in New Mexico schools from bullying on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The bill was signed into law in April and went into effect 7/1/19.

3/2019 – New Mexico Legislature by a supermajority passed to repeal the 1984 sex reassignment surgery requirement. The bill also explicitly provides a "neutral" sex designation, known as "X", alongside male and female. The bill went into effect on 11/1/2019.



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3/2019 – New Mexico Legislature passed a bill to explicitly allow gender-neutral bathrooms. The bill went into effect on 7/1/2019.

11/1/19 – New Mexico issues corrected birth certificates to transgender people without the requirement that they undergo surgery or other medical operations.

#### **FUTURE:**

2021 – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail – incorporate into Pride next year??

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