

American Legion Auxiliary  
New Mexico Girls State  
**Resolution Instruction Sheet**



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Simple Title of Resolution: Stop State Funding for Places Named After Conquistadors

1 RESOLUTION  
2 **70<sup>TH</sup> SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2017**

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7 A RESOLUTION

8 Stop State Funding for Places Named After Conquistadors

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

10 NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

11 SECTION 1. **Section 1: The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be**  
12 **submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or**  
13 **at any special election prior to the date that may be called for that purpose.**

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1           **The resolution which is being presented proposes the halt of state funding**  
2 **towards places named after conquistadors.**

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4           **Nearly 106 years after the founding of New Mexico, the state continues to**  
5 **support conquistadors. For example, Onate High School located in Las Cruces, New**  
6 **Mexico holds the name dedicating Juan de Onate. Onate was responsible for the**  
7 **1599 Acoma massacre, which killed 800 to 1,000 Acoma Pueblo people. Onate was**  
8 **eventually banished from New Mexico and he remains a controversial issue to this**  
9 **day. As New Mexico progresses, the state should stop funding public, state-owned**  
10 **places with names honoring conquistadors. Essentially, this portrays the state as**  
11 **supporters of rapists, murderers and corrupt individuals. This resolution would**  
12 **benefit New Mexico by solving the controversial Juan de Onate and respects the**  
13 **indigenous people to New Mexico.**

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15           **The resolution proposes the start of making amends. The state claims to form**  
16 **relationships and make amends with the Native Americans, but how can this truly be**  
17 **achieved when the government owns places named after people who destroyed their**  
18 **culture? The definition of places would be public areas-like schools, grocery store,**  
19 **library, pools, parks, gyms, etc. Instead of having public places dedicated to**  
20 **conquistadors, names should be changed to New Mexicans who served in World**  
21 **War II and/or died in the Bataan Death March.**

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23           **The resolution which has been presented has proposed the halt of state**  
24 **funding towards places named after conquistadors and changed to names of New**  
25 **Mexican heroes, to support the diverse history and culture.**

1           SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the  
2 people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election  
3 prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

