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**New Mexico declares 28 May ‘Azerbaijan National Day’**



**Washington, D.C— May 27, 2014** Governor of the US state of New Mexico Susanna Martinez has signed a resolution declaring 28 May the Azerbaijan National Day in the entire territory of the state of New Mexico.

In her resolution the governor notes that the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic-the first democratic and secular republic in the history of the Muslim world- was established on May 28, 1918 and recognized by other democratic states, including the United States.

It is noted that despite lasting not for long, the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic was the first state which conferred the voting right to all citizens regardless of their race, gender, ethnic belonging and religion and the first country in the Muslim world that gave the voting right to women.

The governor further notes that within the past two decade since its independence Azerbaijan has strengthened its sovereignty and independence and turned into a strong ally and strategic partner of the United States in the strategic Caspian region.

Noting that millions of Azerbaijanis of the world mark May 28 as a national day, the governor declared it the Azerbaijan National Day in the entire area of the New Mexico State and urged all residents of the state to celebrate this date.

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