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I am very pleased to be the Honorary Chair of the *25th Anniversary of the New Mexico MainStreet Program*. It is one of our preeminent programs for rural and urban neighborhood commercial revitalization. I am always amazed at the power of your volunteer efforts transforming your downtowns as each time I come back to visit your communities.

Your local MainStreet organizations are the back-bone of community economic development reviving traditional commerce and economic activity downtown. The results over the last twenty-five years are a telling story:

- The creation of 9,352 jobs
- Supporting 474 business expansions
- More than 2,512 Building Rehabilitations
- And over 224,123,901 dollars of private sector reinvestment

This is a story to tell to your state legislators, your county officials, your Mayors and City Councilors and your community. MainStreet remains an incredible success for downtown economic re-development because of the partnership between your organization, your municipality and the New Mexico MainStreet Program.

Chairing the 25th Anniversary committee, I realize this event is more than looking back and celebrating the twenty-five years of revitalizing our New Mexico towns and villages and restoring vibrancy to Main Street. The 25th Anniversary is a time to set our sites on the next twenty-five years to inspire our communities to rebuild, renovate, rehabilitate their core commercial districts and revitalize their local economies.

It is a time to strengthen our partnerships, take stock of the power of our combined resources and to direct them through this successful MainStreet community development

program. We need to build a more all-encompassing vision for New Mexico's rural communities and look for a new development renaissance for our core urban neighborhoods. MainStreet is one of those proven vehicles to build a better quality of life for New Mexico's residents and visitors today and in the future.

I expect all of you will spread the good word about New Mexico MainStreet and take advantage of the many local and statewide activities over the next seven months. Of particular interest to me are the *MainStreet Centennial Legacy* projects to be completed in local MainStreet Districts to celebrate our state's Centennial, the 100 years of statehood in 2012.

I look forward to seeing you, your boards and your state and local elected officials at the 25th Anniversary New Mexico MainStreet Symposium and Awards Dinner on August 14th at Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town Albuquerque.

Sincerely,

Diane Denish
Lieutenant Governor
State of New Mexico