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New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division Announces the “Chile Capital of the World” License Plate

Santa Fe, N.M. – Today the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) announced the creation of the Chile License Plate. The license plate declares New Mexico as the “Chile Capital of the World,” reflecting New Mexico’s status as the world leader in chile quality and production.

“With the creation of this license plate, we are sending a strong message that New Mexico is the only chile capital of the world,” said Governor Martinez. “Not only does chile play a significant role in our state’s culture – it is one of our state’s greatest treasures, and this license plate will let the world know.”

The “Chile Capital of the World” License Plate:



“I’m proud that New Mexico’s chile is the best in the world and that our state has been a leader in chile production for hundreds of years,” said Representative Cathrynn Brown. “The creation of this license plate reflects New Mexico’s unique connection to chile and its importance to our culture and economy.”

The Chile License plate is being launched as a standard plate and will require no additional fees on registration – unlike a specialty plate which would require an additional fee of \$35. For drivers with a current registration who choose to switch to the Chile License Plate, a \$17.00 in office or \$7.25 online replacement fee is required. Drivers with specialty plates can switch to the Chile License Plate at no cost.

“We are very proud to create a plate that represents New Mexico’s unique cultural heritage and one of its greatest industries,” said Acting Secretary John Monforte. “The Chile License Plate definitively shows the rest of the nation that New Mexico is the only state that has a right to call itself the Chile Capitol of the World.”

The New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division is responsible for administering driver’s licenses and vehicle registrations in New Mexico. With over 350 employees, MVD is the largest state retail organization, handling more than 1.8 million transactions each year and producing \$350 million in revenue. MVD operates 33 field offices and partners with municipalities and private vendors across the state to administer services to New Mexicans. The Motor Vehicle Division can be contacted online at www.mvd.newmexico.gov and by phone at (888) 683-4636.

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