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New Mexico Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver Announces Family Friendly New Mexico Partnership

ALBUQUERQUE – New Mexico Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver today announced a partnership with the Family Friendly New Mexico Business Awards to recognize and support businesses that adopt and implement family friendly policies for their employees. Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver made the announcement during her keynote remarks at the Family Friendly New Mexico Business Awards luncheon held at the Albuquerque Museum.

"When new businesses register with my office, and when existing businesses revisit my office, we will provide access to the family-friendly policies and best practices, and encourage each business owner to adopt them," said Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver. "When we, as employers, recognize and respect our employees' responsibilities to their families, they are able to bring their full selves to the workplace resulting in greater productivity and greater career satisfaction. This is mutually beneficial for the employer and employee."

As part of this effort, businesses will soon be able to access <u>Family Friendly New Mexico</u> information on the Secretary of State's website and in materials available to the public. Through this partnership Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver will be able to direct businesses to the resources they need to provide their employees with more family-friendly benefits and policies. At the Awards luncheon today, <u>sixty businesses received recognition for their family-friendly policies</u>.

"We very much appreciate this opportunity for businesses to have easy access to our program through the Secretary's office," said Giovanna Rossi, director of the New Mexico Family Friendly Business Awards. "Family Friendly policies benefit businesses as well as employees, making New Mexico stronger which is recognized by Secretary Toulouse Oliver."

Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver's office registers all corporations, limited liability companies and partnerships that transact business in New Mexico. All businesses must file their articles of incorporation with the Secretary of State's office before doing business in the State and they must file their respective annual or biennial reports with my office to keep their company in good standing. Secretary of State Toulouse Oliver is working to make the many online filing options easier, faster and more accessible for businesses to file required items.

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