

ORIGINAL 1953 PROCLAMATION-- FREE STATE OF SOCORRO 1953-2003
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Below are portions of the original Proclamation for the Free State of Socorro, as originally published in the April 8, 1953 issue of the "Socorro Chieftain."

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To all freedom loving men and women everywhere, these presents are address with greeting and salutations:

WHEREAS it has been established to our satisfaction that the United States has no legal title or claim to the lands situate in the ancient and free Provincia de Socorro,

WHEREAS heavy burdens of taxation and government regimentation imposed have become burdensome and detrimental to our best interests and our pursuit of happiness here in our land along the beautiful Rio Grande in the southern Rocky Mountains and present obstacles alien to our way of life,

WHEREAS our own money is taken in taxes from our pockets to develop substitutes for our cotton, and whereas Socorro raises the best cotton in the world,

WHEREAS we have been subjected to burdensome taxation for the purpose of supporting and arming and feeding and clothing foreigners and aliens while our own citizens, including our native Indian population, die of disease and hunger,

WHEREAS the United States has given our waters from the Rio Grande to Texas, Colorado and old Mexico and we are forbidden to use our own water which was granted to us by the Almighty and the King of Spain, and by U.S. treaties, and whereas this is a direct violation of God and man given rights and of the United State Constitution and the Washington Great White Father has been negligent in our vital interests and has refused and neglected to provide for and protect our rightful, legal and essential interests,

WHEREAS our minerals and other resources have been dispoiled of and seized without agreeable compensation,

WHEREAS the price of gold and silver have been arbitrarily set at low and unnatural levels in violation of the right of free exchange based on the law of supply and demand,

WHEREAS we have seen our silver, gold and other mines close as a result of an artificial and rapidly depreciating paper currency,

WHEREAS we wish to return to a system of less red-tape, less record keeping, more opportunity, greater value for the individual citizen and law based primarily on religion, with greater freedom, lower prices, and more profits,

WE DECLARE our Free Republic to be pacificistic, with no military establishment other than a police force, and place our full reliance upon the justice we expect fully to receive from the courts of the United Nations.

WE HEREBY ISSUE a call for delegates and representatives of foreign nations, including Texas and United States, to be present at a Constitutional Convention to be held in our capitol city of Socorro during the annual 49ers celebration in the month of November and in the year of 1953, at which time the delegates will be assembled and a new government will be formed the

following year after which our constitution will be official.

s/Socorro for a Free Republic
Freedom Concerned Citizens of Socorro