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Humanist Society of New Mexico Seeks Proclamation on Darwin Day from Mayor's Office

The Humanist Society of New Mexico (HSNM), a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization is seeking a proclamation from the Mayor's office concerning Darwin Day in Albuquerque. Darwin Day is a global celebration of science and reason held on February 12th, Charles Darwin's birthday. The proclamation, if approved, would officially declare February 12th as Darwin Day in the City of Albuquerque.

"Darwin Day is a great way to draw attention to the value of scientific research, critical thinking and careful observation of the world around us. The character and

accomplishments of Charles Darwin present an inspiring example for students of all ages," said HSNM President Zelda Gatuskin. Following in the footsteps of HSNM's parent organization, the American Humanist Association, HSNM has submitted the proclamation to the Mayor's office and is awaiting news on its status. "HSNM is proud to submit this request on behalf of all of Albuquerque's freethinkers. Our proposal has been endorsed by New Mexicans for Science and Reason, UNM Secular Students Alliance, and Freedom From Religion Albuquerque, among others. We look forward to coming together on Darwin Day to celebrate the contributions Charles Darwin made to the world of science, and we hope to have a proclamation to mark the occasion."

Plans for this year's Darwin Day activity are pending; and the groups hope to establish a tradition of science-themed events to celebrate Darwin Day in the future.