

New Mexico Historic Women's Marker Initiative 2006

Guidelines for Criteria for Nomination and Selection Based on Interpretation of Statute 4NMAC 10.6.8 for The New Mexico Historic Women's Marker Initiative

Criteria: Selected candidates shall be a woman of historical importance, significant in her social, educational, political, architectural, artistic, and/or other notable contributions to her community, the State of New Mexico, the Southwest and/or the nation. The woman being honored must be deceased and her achievements must be documented. All women shall be reviewed in the context of the time in which they lived. This is particularly important to note in regard to pre-Territorial women whose documentation most likely will not be as detailed as those who lived later in our history.

Application Process: The Selection Committee shall review all applications and choose the women to be submitted to the Cultural Properties Review Committee to determine whether the applicants meet the criteria and the proposed text is acceptable. Sponsors shall then be informed by the Selection Committee of the status of the application. It is the intention of the Committee, based on the monies appropriated by the 47th legislature, to select one historic woman per county (33 total); 19 to represent each Native American pueblo, and one each for the Navajo and Apache tribes for a total of 54 markers. Additional names of historic women submitted to the Counties or others will be archived for future appropriations.

Form of Submittal: The proposed marker text shall be no longer than 50 words. The submittal shall indicate the name of the woman to be honored, her county or lands, sources or other forms of documentation and the sponsor's contact information. Submittals should be sent to Patricia French, Chair, Historic Women's Marker Initiative, 216 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501. Email submissions should be sent to patgfrench@aol.com, cc: karren.sahler@sothebysrealty.com. Further inquiries can be made to the Chair at 505-955-7979.