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Grand Opening of Old Gumby's Country Store

Store features hundreds of inmate-crafted items

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) is excited to announce the grand opening of its new Corrections Industries store, "Old Gumby's Country Store," stocked with hundreds of unique, high-quality, and well-priced items created by incarcerated individuals.

"This is more than just a store. The items sold will promote and fund inmate programing in our prisons, thus contributing to the safety of the facilities and communities," said **NMCD Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero**. "The store also provides unique, handcrafted items to the community."

Old Gumby's Country Store will feature a wide array of items crafted by inmates from prison facilities across the state. Shoppers can explore a diverse selection of products, including handcrafted furniture, woven rugs and pillows, crochet blankets, paintings, and metalworks; Customers can request personalized items.

In addition to the retail shop, Old Gumby's Country Store will serve as a starting point for Old Main Prison tours. Visitors who purchase a tour will meet at the store, where they can also find exclusive Old Main merchandise. To purchase tours of Old Main, please visit here.

Proceeds from the sales at Old Gumby's Country Store will support the Corrections Industries Division, which employs inmate work crews across New Mexico and operates warehouses, print shops, and woodworking shops. The goal is to open the store to the public once a month, depending on inventory.

The public is invited to attend the store's upcoming grand opening.

WHAT: Old Gumby's Country Store Grand Opening

WHEN: Friday, November 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WHERE: Old Gumby's Country Store is located in Santa Fe along Highway 14, adjacent to the New Mexico Corrections Training Academy, 4337 NM-14, Santa Fe, NM 87508

Credentialed members of the media who are interested in covering the grand opening, must **RSVP** by Wednesday, November 20th with PIO Brittany Roembach, Brittany.Roembach@cd.nm.gov.

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The New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) is one of the largest state departments in New Mexico. The department staff and volunteers are fully committed to integrating programs in its facilities for rehabilitation. It is through programs and services the department aims to improve outcomes for offenders and enhance public safety in communities. For more information, visit <u>cd.nm.gov</u> or follow NMCD on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>X</u> at @NMCDPIO.