



January 31, 2010

Arizona Colonial Horse Project  
Attn: Maureen Kirk-Detberner  
P.O. Box 69370  
Oro Valley , AZ 85755

Dear Ms Kirk-Detberner,

The Board of Directors of the Spanish Mustang Registry applauds the efforts of the State of Arizona to establish the Spanish Colonial Horse as the state horse. Your efforts to obtain designation of the Spanish horse as the state horse of Arizona helps the public to recognize their rightful place in American history.

Robert Brislawn, the founder of the Spanish Mustang Registry, recognized the value of preserving the bloodlines of the remaining true Spanish horses still living in the wild. Bob Brislawn and others secured a viable breeding herd at the Cayuse Ranch in Oshoto, Wyoming which led to the 1957 establishment of the first and oldest Spanish horse registry in the United States. Spanish horses captured in the Cerbat Mountains of northern Arizona were included in the Spanish Mustang Registry as early as 1972. The Cerbats represent a rare segment of the pure Spanish horses that the SMR has worked so hard to preserve.

We wish you the best of luck in attaining this very important goal and our Registry will support you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Dildine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

James R. Dildine

President, Spanish Mustang Registry, Inc.