



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, food insecurity contributes to malnutrition, a far-reaching and costly condition that is most prevalent among the most vulnerable New Mexicans, including hospitalized patients, older adults, and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, these vulnerable New Mexicans also have the highest incidence of malnutrition-related chronic illnesses, including diabetes, kidney disease, cancer, and cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to more complications, falls, and readmissions, and plays a role in cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity, and affects quality of life; and

WHEREAS, malnourished patients have two times longer hospital stays, a 1.6 higher 30-day readmission rate, and have significantly higher hospital costs as compared to patients with no malnutrition, and

WHEREAS, medical and health experts agree that good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of medical institutions, thus improving their quality of life and reducing healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative effort among the public and private sector, including policymakers, healthcare experts and service providers, should prioritize strategies to reduce and prevent malnutrition among New Mexicans.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2022 through September 23, 2022 as:

“Malnutrition Awareness Week”

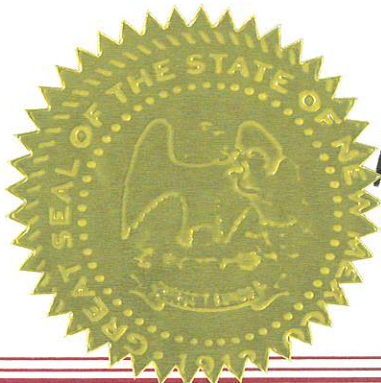
throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:


Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
8th day of September 2022.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.




Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor