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## **Governor Richardson Proclaims Thursday, October 16 World Food Day in New Mexico**

**World Food Day Conference to be held in Albuquerque Tomorrow**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico** – Governor Bill Richardson is proclaiming Thursday, October 16 as World Food Day in New Mexico. “I applaud the efforts of the NM Collaboration to End Hunger,” said Richardson. “Their accomplishments this year included funding for mobile food pantries to improve access to food in rural, underserved areas.”

Governor Richardson also noted the Human Services Department’s income support offices work in the growing Food Stamp Program, which for the first time ever has over 100,000 NM families supplementing their food budgets through this program.

Tomorrow’s World Food Day event includes the reading of Governor Bill Richardson’s World Food Day Proclamation by Aging and Long Term Services Department Secretary, Cindy Padilla, a panel discussion about New Mexico’s plan to help end hunger and a teleconference that focuses on world hunger and how climate change is affecting the food supply.

This free event to the public is located at the UNM SUB, Ballroom A, beginning with registration at 8:00 a.m., ending at 2:00 p.m. People are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for donation to Roadrunner Food Bank.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, more than 800 million people – one in seven of the world's population suffer from chronic hunger and malnutrition and almost 200 million of these are young children; and even in our own nation and state, food insecurity is a daily threat in the lives of some of our citizens; and*

*WHEREAS, in New Mexico, six state agencies administer food programs, to help fight hunger in our state: Aging and Long-Term Services Department, Children, Youth & Families Department, Department of Health, Public Education Department, Human Services Department, and New Mexico Department of Agriculture; and*

*WHEREAS, New Mexico recognizes that the Food Stamp Program is the first line of defense for hunger in the United States and in New Mexico and encourages all eligible families, including the state's senior population to access this and other food programs; and*

*WHEREAS, both New Mexico and American farmers have increased production and are continually involved in agricultural research and education for improved nutritional levels for the people of New Mexico; and*

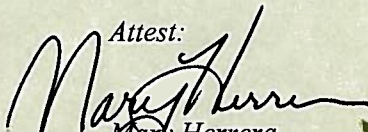
*WHEREAS, World Food Day has become a natural focus for public attention to the full range of food, farm and nutrition issues, from farm security to family welfare to climate change and sustainability; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2008 as:*

## "World Food Day"

*throughout the State of New Mexico.*

Attest:

  
Mary Herrera  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
October 1, 2008.

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



Bill Richardson  
Governor

