



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to approximately 350,000 people with disabilities who are an integral part of our social and economic fabric; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation, training, employment, and acceptance of all individuals with disabilities is an important goal that deserves support from all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, through education, the needs of our citizens with disabilities for successful employment, adequate housing, transportation, and recreational opportunities are becoming better understood; and

WHEREAS, accessibility for persons with disabilities, while improving, is still an issue in all communities and continues to need our attention; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division, in partnership with the Department of Workforce Solutions, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Governor Bill Richardson's Commission on Disability, are working together by coordinating systems and bringing together people with disabilities, advocates, employers and other stakeholders to meet the employment needs of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of all New Mexicans is to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim October, 2009 as:

"Disability Employment Awareness Month"

throughout the State of New Mexico and call upon the people of New Mexico to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

Attest:


Mary Herrera
Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this
19th day of August, 2009.

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


Bill Richardson
Governor