



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, MENTAL HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL TO EVERYONE'S OVERALL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING; AND

WHEREAS, ALL AMERICANS EXPERIENCE TIMES OF DIFFICULTY AND STRESS IN THEIR LIVES; AND

WHEREAS, PREVENTION IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO REDUCE THE BURDEN OF MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THERE IS A STRONG BODY OF RESEARCH THAT SUPPORTS SPECIFIC TOOLS THAT ALL AMERICANS CAN USE TO BETTER HANDLE EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES AND PROTECT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, AND

WHEREAS, MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE REAL AND PREVALENT IN OUR NATION, AND

WHEREAS, WITH EFFECTIVE TREATMENT, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS CAN RECOVER AND LEAD FULL, PRODUCTIVE LIVES, AND

WHEREAS, EACH BUSINESS, SCHOOL, GOVERNMENT AGENCY, HEALTHCARE PROVIDER, ORGANIZATION, AND CITIZEN SHARES THE BURDEN OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROMOTE MENTAL WELLNESS AND SUPPORT PREVENTION EFFORTS, AND,

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE IS IN ITS SEVENTH YEAR OF A TEN-YEAR PROCESS TO STREAMLINE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PROMOTE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY THROUGH SUPPORT SERVICES ACROSS THE STATE IN AN EFFORT TO BUILD HEALTHY FAMILIES FROM INFANTS TO ADULTS, AND,

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, AND THE NEW MEXICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE AND ITS 18 LOCAL COLLABORATIVES, OBSERVE MENTAL HEALTH MONTH EVERY MAY TO RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH,

NOW, THEREFORE I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2011 AS

“MENTAL HEALTH MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND CALL UPON THE CITIZENS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS IN NEW MEXICO TO RECOMMIT OUR COMMUNITY TO INCREASING AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH, THE STEPS OUR CITIZENS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT THEIR MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATE AND ACCESSIBLE SERVICES FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS.

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
22ND DAY OF APRIL 2011.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR