



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, ADDRESSING THE COMPLEX MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES TODAY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO THE FUTURE OF NEW MEXICO; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE, COORDINATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES PLACES A CRITICAL RESPONSIBILITY UPON OUR COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT A DAY SHOULD BE SET APART EACH YEAR FOR THE DIRECTION OF OUR THOUGHTS TOWARD OUR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING; AND

WHEREAS, YOUNG CHILDREN EXPOSED TO FIVE OR MORE SIGNIFICANT ADVERSITIES IN THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF CHILDHOOD FACE A 76 PERCENT LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING ONE OR MORE DELAYS IN THEIR COGNITIVE, LANGUAGE, OR EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT; AND

WHEREAS, WITH HELP FROM FAMILIES, PROVIDERS, AND THE COMMUNITY, YOUNG CHILDREN CAN DEMONSTRATE RESILIENCE WHEN DEALING WITH TRAUMA; AND

WHEREAS, THE NEW MEXICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE IS IN ITS EIGHTH 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 NEW MEXICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE MEMBER CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT CARES FOR AND ADVOCATES ON BEHALF OF THE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES; AND

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, THE NEW MEXICO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE, AND THE NEW MEXICO CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT, OBSERVE CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY ON MAY 9, 2012 TO RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH;

NOW, THEREFORE I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 9TH DAY OF MAY 2012 AS

"CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY 2012.

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

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

