



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, NATIONWIDE, NEW MEXICO HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF OVERALL FOOD INSECURITY OF ALL RESIDENTS, INCLUDING CHILDREN, VETERANS, THE HOMELESS AND SENIORS; AND

WHEREAS, ANNUAL "FEEDING AMERICA" STATISTICS HAVE RANKED NEW MEXICO AS ONE OF THE MOST FOOD INSECURE STATES FOR CHILDREN IN THE NATION; AND

WHEREAS, FORTY THOUSAND NEW MEXICANS SEEK FOOD ASSISTANCE EACH WEEK; AND

WHEREAS, FORTY PERCENT OF NEW MEXICANS WHO RECEIVE FOOD ASSISTANCE ARE CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, WHILE SEVEN PERCENT OF THOSE CHILDREN ARE UNDER THE AGE OF FIVE; AND

WHEREAS, THIRTEEN PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO SEEK FOOD ASSISTANCE ARE SENIOR CITIZENS; AND

WHEREAS, WHILE THOUSANDS OF NEW MEXICANS RECEIVE ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE FUNDING IS OFTEN INSUFFICIENT; AND

WHEREAS, NEW MEXICANS IN NEED MAY FACE DIFFICULT CHOICES BETWEEN PAYING FOR FOOD AND PAYING FOR UTILITIES, RENT OR MORTGAGE, MEDICINE OR MEDICAL CARE AND TRANSPORTATION; AND

WHEREAS, THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS NEW MEXICO'S FOOD INSECURITY AND TO ELIMINATE HUNGER IN NEW MEXICO; AND

WHEREAS, A HUNGER SUMMIT COORDINATED AND SPONSORED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND THE NON-METRO AREA AGENCY ON AGING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23RD THROUGH THE 24TH, 2015, AT THE MARRIOTT ALBUQUERQUE TO DISCUSS ADDRESS THESE CRITICAL ISSUES; AND

WHEREAS, STATEWIDE PARTICIPATION IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, NON-PROFIT AGENCIES, FOOD BANKS, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT ARE ADDRESSING HUNGER ISSUES IN NEW MEXICO;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 21ST THROUGH THE 25TH, 2015, AS

"END HUNGER IN NEW MEXICO WEEK"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 13TH DAY OF AUGUST 2015.

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


SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

