



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, AMERICA'S SYSTEM OF PUBLIC LANDS INCLUDES PARKS, UNIQUE LANDSCAPES, FORESTS, WILDLIFE REFUGES, HISTORIC TRAILS, NATURAL STREAMS AND WETLANDS, NATURE CENTERS, COMMUNITY GARDENS, AND OTHER LANDMARKS THROUGHOUT THE NATION THAT INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY REPRESENT OUR SHARED IRREPLACEABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC LANDS PROVIDE LOCALLY ACCESSIBLE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING, WILDLIFE APPRECIATION, AND RECREATION; AND

WHEREAS, PUBLIC LANDS PROMOTE CIVIC IDEALS THAT INCLUDE SHARED STEWARDSHIP AND RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, SHARED STEWARDSHIP REQUIRES THE GOODWILL, COOPERATION, AND ACTIVE SUPPORT OF CITIZENS, COMMUNITY, LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS, BUSINESS LEADERS, YOUTH AND ADULTS; AND

WHEREAS, RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY PUBLIC LANDS HELP FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS LEAD AN ACTIVE LIFESTYLE AND REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF CHILDHOOD OBESITY; AND

WHEREAS, MULTIPLE USES OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR AGRICULTURE AND GRAZING ARE CRITICAL TO THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF OUR RURAL ECONOMIES; AND

WHEREAS, A COLLABORATION AMONG STATE AND LOCAL RESIDENTS, LAND MANAGERS, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IMPROVES THE CONDITION OF PUBLICLY HELD LANDS FOR AGRICULTURE AND GREATER ENJOYMENT AND ENRICHMENT OF ALL AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY IS THE NATION'S LARGEST, SINGLE-DAY VOLUNTEER EFFORT FOR PUBLIC LANDS AND STATE AND CITY PARK SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE NATION JOIN WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES TO DELIVER AN ANNUALLY ANTICIPATED CELEBRATION FOR LOCAL PARTICIPATION ON PUBLICLY HELD LANDS IN THIS GREAT STATE OF NEW MEXICO;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2016, AS THE 23RD ANNUAL

“NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND CALL UPON THE PEOPLE OF NEW MEXICO TO RECOGNIZE AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL OBSERVANCE.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 2ND DAY OF AUGUST 2016.

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

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

BRAD WINTER
SECRETARY OF STATE

