



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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH IS RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER; AND

WHEREAS, NEW MEXICANS WITH DISABILITIES ARE VALUED MEMBERS OF SOCIETY, AND ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK; AND

WHEREAS, NEW MEXICANS WITH DISABILITIES CONSTITUTE A LARGELY UNTAPPED LABOR POOL, AND THEY CAN ADD VALUE TO THE WORKPLACE, BOTH BECAUSE THEY ARE DEDICATED, LOYAL, AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF A TEAM AND BECAUSE THEY CAN INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND CONTRIBUTE TO NEW PRODUCT AND SERVICE INNOVATIONS THAT IMPROVE A COMPANY'S BOTTOM LINE; AND

WHEREAS, EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE HIRING OF NEW MEXICANS WITH DISABILITIES SHOULD BE BASED ON EMPLOYMENT FIRST PRINCIPLES, AND ALL CITIZENS, REGARDLESS OF DISABILITY, HAVE THE RIGHT TO PURSUE THE FULL RANGE OF AVAILABLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN A LIVING WAGE IN A JOB OF THEIR CHOOSING BASED ON THEIR TALENTS, SKILLS, AND INTERESTS; AND

WHEREAS, IN THIS SPIRIT, THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO RECOGNIZES NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ISSUES, EMPLOYMENT FIRST PRINCIPLES, AND TO CELEBRATE THE MANY AND VARIED CONTRIBUTIONS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018, AS

“DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

Susana Martinez
SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

