



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, in the United States, injuries, which include unintentional injury, suicide, homicide, gun violence, childhood injury, and traumatic brain injury, were the leading cause of death among people ages 1 to 44 in 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, in the United States, 306,086 people died by injury in 2021 including 3,100 in New Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, in New Mexico, unintentional injuries were the fourth leading cause of death overall in 2021; suicide was the tenth leading cause of death overall; and homicide was in the top four leading causes of death among those ages 15-34 that same year; and*

*WHEREAS, most injuries are preventable through a combination of policy, education, safety engineering, and distribution of safety devices; and*

*WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of all residents in New Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, factors such as limited social, educational, and economic opportunity, unstable housing, rigid gender roles, and the compound stresses of violence and racism increase injury risk; and*

*WHEREAS, supporting and strengthening families, building stable connections with peers and adults, improving communication, problem-solving and conflict resolution skills, while fostering a strong connection to school and community can create long-lasting, effective prevention, and*

*WHEREAS, hospitals, state agencies, and community organizations are committed to their crucial roles to reduce injuries and deaths by promoting evidence-based injury prevention policies and practices, data surveillance, program evaluation, and communication; and*

*WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for greater capacity-building, community collaboration, and education to reduce the burden of injury in New Mexico; and*

*WHEREAS, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness by promoting efforts to prevent injuries and injury-related deaths.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as:*

## “National Injury Prevention Day”

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

Attest:

  
Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2023.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Mexico.

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

