



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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, THERE ARE OVER 254,000 PHARMACISTS LICENSED IN THE UNITED STATES PROVIDING SERVICES TO ENSURE THE RATIONAL AND SAFE USE OF ALL MEDICATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, TODAY'S POWERFUL MEDICATIONS REQUIRE GREATER ATTENTION TO THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE USED BY DIFFERENT PATIENT POPULATION GROUPS, BOTH CLINICALLY AND DEMOGRAPHICALLY; AND

WHEREAS, PHARMACISTS ARE SPECIFICALLY EDUCATED WITH A FOCUS AND LEVEL OF EXPERTISE ON MEDICATION THERAPY THAT EXCEEDS THAT OF OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND ARE IDEALLY SUITED TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS TO IMPROVE MEDICATION USE AND OUTCOMES BY PROVIDING SERVICES THROUGH MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, PHARMACISTS PROVIDE BOTH EXPERTISE AND ACCESSIBILITY WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO PATIENTS FULLY OPTIMIZING ACCESS TO MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NOT SELF-ADMINISTERED SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMMUNIZATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, PHARMACISTS ARE BEST POSITIONED TO ENSURE PATIENTS ARE ADHERENT TO THEIR MEDICATIONS, AND PROVIDE PATIENT CARE RESULTING IN OPTIMAL MEDICATION THERAPY OUTCOMES; AND

WHEREAS, THE AMERICAN PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY HAVE DECLARED OCTOBER AS AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH WITH THE THEME "KNOW YOUR MEDICINES, KNOW YOUR PHARMACIST";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2015, AS

"AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND URGE ALL OUR CITIZENS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE VALUABLE SERVICES OF PHARMACISTS TO NEW MEXICANS.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

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

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

