



*Executive Order
From the
Office of the Mayor*

Whereas, today, there are over 254,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

Whereas, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

Whereas, Pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus and level of expertise on medication therapy that exceeds that of other health care providers, 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 be the health care professionals to help ensure patients are adherent to their medications, and provide patient care that ensures 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; and

Now, Therefore, I, Richard J. Berry, Mayor of the City of Albuquerque, do hereby proclaim, October 1, 2015, as:

"American Pharmacists Month"




Richard J. Berry, Mayor

Attest:


Natalie V. Howard, City Clerk