



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, NEW MEXICO CONTAINS MORE PLANT HABITATS THAN NEARLY ANY OTHER STATE IN THE COUNTRY, FROM THE CHIHUAHUAN DESERT TO THE ALPINE TUNDRA; AND

**WHEREAS**, NEW MEXICO ALSO SUPPORTS A LARGER NUMBER OF NATIVE PLANT SPECIES THAN NEARLY ANY OTHER STATE IN THE COUNTRY; AND

**WHEREAS**, SOME OF THESE SPECIES ARE NOT FOUND ANYWHERE ELSE ON EARTH; AND

**WHEREAS**, THESE NATIVE PLANTS SUPPORT A GREAT VARIETY OF BIRDS AND ANIMALS, BOTH NATIVE AND DOMESTIC; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE MODERN WAY OF LIFE CAN INADVERTENTLY DAMAGE NATURAL HABITATS AND CAN INTRODUCE NOXIOUS WEEDS, IN TURN REPLACING NATIVE FORAGE, WHICH IS THE STATE'S NATURAL HERITAGE; AND

**WHEREAS**, IN EVERY SEASON, NEW MEXICANS ENJOY THE BEAUTY AND VARIETY OF THESE NATIVE PLANTS IN THE STATE'S FORESTS, GRASSLANDS, AND DESERTS, INCLUDING THE OFFICIAL STATE FLOWER, THE YUCCA; THE STATE TREE, THE PIÑON; THE STATE GRASS, BLUE GRAMA; AND THE COLORFUL DISPLAYS OF NATIVE FLOWERS; AND

**WHEREAS**, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE CELEBRATE AND PROTECT NEW MEXICO'S NATIVE PLANT SPECIES DUE TO INCREASING CONCERN THAT MANY MAY ONE DAY BE DESTROYED OR ERADICATED;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2014, AS**

## **“NATIVE PLANT DAY”**

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2014.

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

Handwritten signature of Susana Martinez in black ink.

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Dianna J. Duran in black ink.

DIANNA J. DURAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

