WHEREAS, with forests, grasslands, alpine tundra and deserts, New Mexico contains more plant habitats than nearly any other state in the country; and

WHEREAS, because of this geographic variety, New Mexico supports greater number of native plant species than nearly any other state in the country, and these species support a great variety of birds and animals; and

WHEREAS, some of New Mexico's native plant species are found nowhere else on Earth; and

WHEREAS, during the four seasons, New Mexicans enjoy the beauty and variety of native plants, including the Yucca, the New Mexico state flower the Pinon, the New Mexico state tree; Blue Gamma Grass, the New Mexico state grass; and the many colorful displays of native flowers; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we celebrate and protect New Mexico's native plant species:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim August 21, 2021 as:

"New Mexico Native Plant Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:                                            Done at the Executive Office this 24th day of June 2021.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver                               Witness my hand and the Great Seal
Secretary of State                                   of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham                              
Governor