



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, MANY DEAFBLIND PEOPLE HAVE LED SUCCESSFUL LIVES WHILE BEING RESPECTED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INCLUDING, MOST NOTABLY, HELEN KELLER AND LAURA BRIDGMAN; AND

WHEREAS, DEAFBLINDNESS INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE VARYING DEGREES OF BOTH VISION AND HEARING LOSS; INCLUDING CHILDREN, ADULTS, VETERANS, AND SENIORS; AND

WHEREAS, DEAFBLINDNESS IS A DUAL-SENSORY LOSS, AND IS CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF ALL DISABILITIES, PRESENTING THOSE WHO ARE DEAFBLIND WITH BARRIERS IN MULTIPLE ASPECTS OF THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ENCOURAGE FULL PARTICIPATION BY PERSONS WHO ARE DEAFBLIND IN THE STATE'S ECONOMY AND SOCIETY BY PROMOTING APPROPRIATE TRAINING, SUPPORT, HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND EMPLOYMENT, TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE AND WORK IN THE COMMUNITY OF THEIR CHOICE;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 27TH, 2017, AS

“DEAFBLIND AWARENESS DAY”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, CALLING UPON THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO CONSIDER AND REFLECT UPON THE VALUABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ABILITIES OF ALL PERSONS WHO ARE DEAFBLIND, AND TO JOINTLY WORK TOWARDS ACHIEVING A BARRIER-FREE FUTURE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DEAFBLIND.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

Susana Martinez

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

