



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness in the united states that causes gradual and irreversible loss of vision; and

**WHEREAS**, glaucoma is a "sneak thief of sight," with the most common form of glaucoma estimated to affect two to three percent of persons who are 40 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, glaucoma is significantly more prevalent in Hispanics, African Americans, Native Americans, and Asians; and

**WHEREAS**, people who have a family history of glaucoma, have diabetes, or are over sixty are at greater risk of glaucoma; and

**WHEREAS**, glaucoma can be detected through a comprehensive eye exam, and once detected, it can be successfully treated; and

**WHEREAS**, the coronavirus pandemic has added a level of difficulty for many people to receive necessary eye screenings and follow up exams,

**WHEREAS**, it is important for New Mexicans to be aware of the devastating impact of glaucoma and of the benefit of comprehensive eye exams:

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2021:

## "Glaucoma Awareness Month"

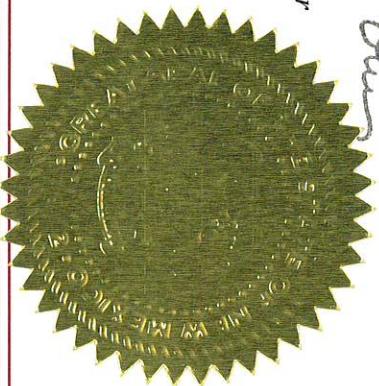
throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Done at the Executive Office this  
4th day of January 2021.

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

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Secretary of State



*Michelle Lujan Grisham*  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

Witness my hand and the Great Seal  
of the State of New Mexico.