



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"

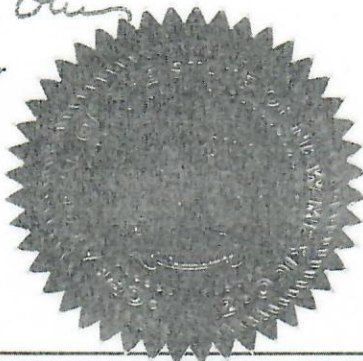
throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

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

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Secretary of State



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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor