



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Tuberculosis infects more than 2 billion people worldwide, and more than 9 million people will develop active Tuberculosis, and more than 1.7 million people will die of it this year; and

WHEREAS, 48 cases of active Tuberculosis disease were reported in New Mexico, and a significant number of New Mexicans are infected with latent Tuberculosis infection; and

WHEREAS, there are significant delays in the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis resulting in unnecessary deaths of New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, each year thousands of household members, health care employees and others who share the air with infectious Tuberculosis patients are at-risk of becoming infected with the Tuberculosis bacterium and progressing to active disease; and

WHEREAS, individuals with latent Tuberculosis infection and diabetes, HIV and other immunosuppressive conditions are at significant risk for progression to active Tuberculosis; and

WHEREAS, there is a disproportionate burden of Tuberculosis in minorities and persons born outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, on average 10,000 public health dollars will be spent treating each case of Tuberculosis and conducting contact investigations to stop the spread of Tuberculosis in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, should a case of active Tuberculosis develop multi-drug resistance, it can cost up to \$500,000 to cure that one case; and

WHEREAS, extensively drug resistant Tuberculosis is becoming more common and is often fatal; and

WHEREAS, Tuberculosis is a preventable and curable disease; and


WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Health is working to promote prompt diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis cases and decrease Tuberculosis transmission; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2010 as:

“New Mexico Tuberculosis Day”


throughout the State of New Mexico, and urge all citizens to increase their awareness of Tuberculosis infection and disease, and to join the global effort to stop the spread of this disease.

Attest:


Mary Herrera
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
24th day of February, 2010.

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


Bill Richardson
Governor

