



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, TUBERCULOSIS INFECTS MORE THAN 1.5 BILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE AND 8 MILLION PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP THE DISEASE THIS YEAR; AND

**WHEREAS**, 49 CASES OF ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS DISEASE WERE REPORTED IN NEW MEXICO AND A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF NEW MEXICANS ARE INFECTED WITH LATENT TB INFECTION; AND

**WHEREAS**, CERTAIN MEDICAL CONDITIONS SUCH AS DIABETES AND HIV PUT NEW MEXICANS AT INCREASED RISK FOR DEVELOPING TUBERCULOSIS; AND

**WHEREAS**, DIABETES IS AT EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS THUS INCREASING THE NUMBER OF NEW MEXICANS VULNERABLE TO TUBERCULOSIS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THERE IS A DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF TB IN MINORITIES AND PERSONS BORN OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES; 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**, ON AVERAGE, \$10,000 PUBLIC HEALTH DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT TREATING EACH CASE OF UNCOMPLICATED TUBERCULOSIS AND CONDUCTING CONTACT INVESTIGATIONS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF TUBERCULOSIS IN NEW MEXICO; AND

**WHEREAS**, SHOULD A CASE OF ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS DEVELOP MULTIDRUG RESISTANCE, IT CAN COST UP TO \$250,000 TO CURE THE CASE; AND

**WHEREAS**, TUBERCULOSIS IS A PREVENTABLE AND CURABLE DISEASE; AND

**WHEREAS**, IN NEW MEXICO THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT DELAYS IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS RESULTING IN UNNECESSARY DEATHS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IS WORKING TO PROMOTE PROMPT DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS CASES AND DECREASE TUBERCULOSIS TRANSMISSION;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2012 AS

## “NEW MEXICO TUBERCULOSIS DAY”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2012.

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

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

