WHEREAS, in the United States, injuries, which include unintentional injury, suicide, homicide, gun violence, childhood injury, and traumatic brain injury, were the leading cause of death among people ages 1 to 44 in 2021; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 306,086 people died by injury in 2021 including 3,100 in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in New Mexico, unintentional injuries were the fourth leading cause of death overall in 2021; suicide was the tenth leading cause of death overall; and homicide was in the top four leading causes of death among those ages 15-34 that same year; and

WHEREAS, most injuries are preventable through a combination of policy, education, safety engineering, and distribution of safety devices; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of all residents in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, factors such as limited social, educational, and economic opportunity, unstable housing, rigid gender roles, and the compound stresses of violence and racism increase injury risk; and

WHEREAS, supporting and strengthening families, building stable connections with peers and adults, improving communication, problem-solving and conflict resolution skills, while fostering a strong connection to school and community can create long-lasting, effective prevention, and

WHEREAS, hospitals, state agencies, and community organizations are committed to their crucial roles to reduce injuries and deaths by promoting evidence-based injury prevention policies and practices, data surveillance, program evaluation, and communication; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for greater capacity-building, community collaboration, and education to reduce the burden of injury in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness by promoting efforts to prevent injuries and injury-related deaths.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 18th, 2023, as:

“National Injury Prevention Day”

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie J. Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 3rd day of November 2023.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor