



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, nutrition status is a direct measure of health, with good nutrition essential for maintaining health and preventing the need for healthcare interventions; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition, particularly among vulnerable populations including hospitalized patients, minorities, and those with limited resources, is a pressing public health challenge that leads to serious health complications, prolonged hospital stays, and increased healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, alarming data indicates that approximately 33% of patients in New Mexico's acute and critical access hospitals are at risk for malnutrition, underscoring the urgent need for effective prevention and treatment strategies; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition affects individuals across all demographics, with up to 27% of hospitalized pediatric patients and 32-54% of adult patients experiencing malnutrition, leading to complications that significantly impact recovery and health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, registered dietitian nutritionists play a vital role in addressing malnutrition through accurate identification and treatment, and interdisciplinary malnutrition committees enhance care by refining policies and fostering communication; and

WHEREAS, *WHEREAS*, the implications of malnutrition extend beyond individual health, affecting community well-being and quality of life, with nearly one in four children at risk for developmental delays and chronic health issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September 8th – 12th, 2025 as:

“Malnutrition Awareness Week”

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
6th day of August 2025.

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



Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor