



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a state surrounded by intrinsic natural beauty, and as responsible citizens it is our responsibility to act as judicious stewards of our land; and

WHEREAS, forests are succumbing to a hotter, drier climate, and older trees, burned by wildfires or infested by bark beetles, are not growing back; and

WHEREAS, healthy forests in watersheds and urban areas are vital to the biodiversity of New Mexico and the wellbeing of its residents; and

WHEREAS, trees in forests and urban areas provide solace to the mind and necessities to the human body including oxygen, fuel, shelter and medicine; and

WHEREAS, trees lend protection to the environment by reducing air and noise pollution, mitigating climate change, preventing the erosion of soil, and providing shelter for birds and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the second Friday of March was established as the official date for arbor day by the Territorial Legislature in 1891.

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

“Arbor Month”

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this
24th day of January 2023.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor