



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally in a particular geographic region, ecosystems and habitat; and*

*WHEREAS, native plants are essential for healthy, diverse, and sustainable ecosystems and are critical for cleaning air, filtering water, and stabilizing soils; and*

*WHEREAS, native plants are well adapted to New Mexico's soils, temperatures, precipitation, and environmental conditions, making them the best option for conserving and protecting our environment and adapting to its changes; and*

*WHEREAS, native plants provide food including nectar, pollen, seeds, and foliage for native birds, caterpillars, butterflies, gees and other wildlife in ways that non-native plants cannot; and*

*WHEREAS, New Mexico is home to more than three thousand native plant species, making it the state having the fourth highest plant diversity in all fifty states; and*

*WHEREAS, New Mexico has more than two hundred thirty-five rare and endangered plant species, one hundred and nine of which occur nowhere else in the world, with many already listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and including the Holy Ghost Ipomopsis and the Pecos Sunflower; and*

*WHEREAS, it is important to encourage public awareness about the benefits of New Mexico's native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, to the economy, and to the health and sustainability of New Mexico's fragile ecosystems.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the state of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as:**

## **"New Mexico's Native Plant Month"**

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

