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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the State of New Mexico proudly hosts over 426,254 residents aged 65 and older, a testament to our rich heritage and the invaluable contributions of older adults within our communities; and*

WHEREAS, *older New Mexicans play a critical role in enhancing the economic, cultural, and social fabric of our state, serving as mentors, volunteers, and leaders who fortify families and neighborhoods; and*

WHEREAS*, the theme for Older Americans Month 2025, "Flip the Script on Aging," challenges stereotypes and emphasizes the diverse and dynamic roles that older adults fulfill in our society; and*

WHEREAS*, the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department, in collaboration with local partners, advocates for policies and programs that promote independence, dignity, and quality of life for all older New Mexicans; and*

WHEREAS*, the New Mexico Aging and Long-Term Services Department provides numerous avenues for engagement, such as serving as resident advocate Ombudsmen, participating in the AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program, the Senior Companion Program, RSVP, and Care Companions who visit residents in long-term care facilities; and*

WHEREAS*, all New Mexicans stand to benefit from fostering intergenerational relationships, promoting age-friendly initiatives, and ensuring equitable access to healthcare, housing, and essential services; and*

WHEREAS*, the State of New Mexico recognizes the necessity of providing the services and supports that empower older adults to thrive and live independently for as long as possible; and*

WHEREAS*, we are dedicated to honoring the contributions, wisdom, and resilience of older adults, whose experiences enrich our communities and society as a whole; and*

WHEREAS*, during the month of May, we celebrate and express our gratitude for the invaluable impact older adults have made and continue to make in shaping the future of our state.*

NOW THEREFORE*, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as:*

"Older Americans Month"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
9th day of April 2025.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

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Governor