



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

# Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, access to quality housing is about more than having a roof over one's head — it is the foundation for strong families, thriving communities and a healthy economy; and*

***WHEREAS**, each of the more than 2 million New Mexico residents deserves equitable access to housing they can afford; and*

***WHEREAS**, 22 percent of New Mexico homeowners and 44 percent of its renters spend more than 30 percent of their monthly income on housing costs; and*

***WHEREAS**, access to affordable housing improves economic mobility and increases disposable income among participants, reduces childhood poverty rates and intergenerational poverty and is a major social determinant of physical health; and*

***WHEREAS**, safe, stable affordable housing reduces instances of homelessness, prevents homelessness in vulnerable populations, creates jobs and boosts local economies; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is essential to increase access, free of stigma, to quality affordable housing for all New Mexicans through affordable housing development, down payment and rental assistance and supportive housing programs; and*

***WHEREAS**, education and improved awareness of the benefits of affordable housing and the value it brings to New Mexico communities combat misconceptions and misinformation about affordable housing; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is important to expand partnerships with city, state and tribal governments, nonprofit service providers, state and national housing organizations, housing developers and lenders and realtors to achieve these goals:*

***NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as:*

## ***“Affordable Housing Month”***

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
3rd day of May 2021.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

