



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identify nutrition during the first 1,000 days of life as a critical factor to early brain growth, development of the central nervous system, and lifelong mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Journal of Pediatrics reports that 1 in 37 children are estimated to have pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) in the United States, an estimated 3,000 children in New Mexico have pediatric feeding disorder, and many of these remain undiagnosed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition published a field-leading consensus paper defining pediatric feeding disorder as impaired oral intake that is not age-appropriate and is associated with medical, nutritional, feeding skill, and/or psychosocial dysfunction; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a national prevalence study published in the Journal of Pediatrics, conservative evaluations estimate that more than 1 in 5 children with a chronic disease experience severe PFD in the United States annually; and

**WHEREAS**, every bite of food for children with PFD can be painful, frightening, or simply impossible to swallow, potentially impeding nutrition, development, growth, and overall well-being while families navigating PFD often feel isolated and overwhelmed, struggling to overcome the medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social issues to PFD; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness for pediatric feeding disorder will help create a world in which children with PFD will thrive by accelerating identification, igniting research, and promoting collaborative care and support for children and families.

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

## **“PFD Awareness Month”**

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2023.

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

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor