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 1st day of May 2023.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor