



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP IS VITAL TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO'S GROWTH AND PROSPERITY; AND

WHEREAS, MOST OF THE NEW JOBS CREATED IN NEW MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE PAST DECADE HAVE COME FROM THE CREATIVE EFFORTS OF ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESSES; AND

WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MORE THAN 2,300 PEOPLE BECOME INDEPENDENT ENTREPRENEURS DAILY, JOINING MORE THAN 20 MILLION SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, THAT MAKE UP MORE THAN 75% OF THE NATION'S 26 MILLION PLUS BUSINESS FIRMS NATIONWIDE; AND

WHEREAS, THE PARTNERSHIP FOR 21ST CENTURY SKILLS IDENTIFIED ENTREPRENEURIAL LITERACY SKILLS AS ONE OF THE 21ST CENTURY CONTENT AREAS CRITICAL TO SUCCESS IN COMMUNITIES AND WORKPLACES; AND

WHEREAS, THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGES CONNECTING EDUCATION TO ECONOMIC GROWTH INDUSTRIES, RECOGNIZING THAT ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SMALL BUSINESS CREATION ARE THE GROWTH ENGINES OF ANY ECONOMY; AND

WHEREAS, A BROAD COALITION OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JOINED IN NEW MEXICO UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF NEW MEXICO'S YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK (NMYEN) TO PROVIDE A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON STUDENT ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS SUCH AS THE GOVERNOR'S STATEWIDE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP BUSINESS PLAN ANNUAL COMPETITION SUPPORTED BY NM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, HIGHER EDUCATION, PUBLIC EDUCATION, NM SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND OTHER NOTABLE ORGANIZATIONS; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES MEMBERS LIKE THE NM YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP NETWORK ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN ENHANCING ENTREPRENEURIAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION WITH THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION; AND

WHEREAS, ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO BE EXCITED ABOUT ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND WORKING TO EXPAND THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES OF NEW MEXICO'S YOUTH AND ADULTS TO BE SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURS ARE CRUCIAL TO THE LONG-TERM GROWTH OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES, THE STATE, AND THE NATION; AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON THE INNOVATIVE WAYS IN WHICH ENTREPRENEURSHIP EDUCATION CAN BRING TOGETHER THE CORE ACADEMIC, TECHNICAL, AND PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE ENTREPRENEURS AND SUCCESSFUL WORKERS IN FUTURE WORKPLACES;

NOW, THEREFORE I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 19TH DAY THROUGH THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011 AS

"ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

ATTEST

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
3RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2011.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.


SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

