

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the wolf is a symbol of wilderness, our wildlife heritage, and an integral part of natural ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, a growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining biological diversity has raised public interest in the wolf; and

WHEREAS, The Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan, as mandated by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, was adopted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1982 and the Blue Range Wolf Reintroduction project was initiated in January 1998, and the subsequent release of wolves into the Gila region of New Mexico and the Blue Range area in eastern Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Mexican Wolf remains imperiled throughout the recovery area; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico State Game Commission and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish have redoubled their efforts to work with all interests to promote healthy wolf populations coexisting in reasonable compatibility with our communities and land stewards in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the survival of the wolf in the United States of America remains uncertain and depends upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role wolves play in nature;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim October 15-19, 2007 as:

"Wolf Awareness Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

Attest:

Mary Herrera

Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 12^{th} day of October, 2007.

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

Bill Richardson

Governor