

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, NATIVE WILDLIFE POPULATIONS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF NEW MEXICO'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND SERVE AS AN INDICATOR FOR THE OVERALL HEALTH OF NEW MEXICO'S STATEWIDE ECOSYSTEMS; AND

WHEREAS, EACH YEAR IN THE U.S. MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE ARE KILLED IN WILDLIFE-VEHICLE COLLISIONS, 26,000 ARE INJURED, AND MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION ANIMALS ARE HIT ON ROADS; AND

WHEREAS, THE WILDLIFE MOVEMENT AND THE SURVIVAL OF WILDLIFE IN NEW MEXICO REMAINS DEPENDENT UPON CONTINUED PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INCREASED UNDERSTANDING OF THE ESSENTIAL ROLE MIGRATION CORRIDORS PLAY IN WILDLIFE MOVEMENT; AND

WHEREAS, WILDLIFE WATCHING IS A POPULAR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY FOR TOURISTS IN NEW MEXICO;

NOW, *THEREFORE I*, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 18TH THROUGH THE 24TH OF SEPTEMBER 2011 AS

"WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.

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

SUSANA MARTINEZ GOVERNOR ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN SECRETARY OF STATE