



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY (ALPHA-1) IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON, SERIOUS, HEREDITARY DISORDERS IN THE WORLD, AND CAN RESULT IN LIFE-THREATENING LUNG DISEASE IN ADULTS AND LIVER DISEASE IN BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALPHA-1 HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED IN VIRTUALLY ALL POPULATIONS, AND UP TO SIX PERCENT OF CAUCASIANS IN THE U.S. CARRY A SINGLE DEFICIENT GENE WHICH THEY MAY PASS ON TO THEIR CHILDREN; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALPHA-1 IS WIDELY UNDERDIAGNOSED AND MISDIAGNOSED, WITH FEWER THAN 10 PERCENT OF THOSE PREDICTED TO HAVE ALPHA-1 CORRECTLY DIAGNOSED, AND IT OFTEN TAKES MANY YEARS AND DOCTORS FROM THE TIME SYMPTOMS APPEAR BEFORE A PROPER DIAGNOSIS IS MADE, WHICH CAN BE DONE USING A SIMPLE BLOOD TEST; AND

**WHEREAS**, IT IS IMPORTANT TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND DETECTION OF THIS SERIOUS, HEREDITARY, AND MISDIAGNOSED DISORDER; AND

**WHEREAS**, DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, A NATIONWIDE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC, AS WELL AS THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY, ON ALPHA-1 DETECTION AND TREATMENT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS CONDITION;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018, AS

## “ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

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

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*  
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Susana Martinez*  
SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

