



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since the founding of the United States of America, people of our Armed Forces have sacrificed to serve and protect our nation from all enemies foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, at the end of our nation's Civil War, communities in both the North and South began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers at the first sign of spring; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1868, a group of Union veterans known as the Grand Army of the Republic declared May 30th to be the Decoration Day and observed it with a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, shortly after World War I, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, a day to honor the dead from all wars past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Congress established the last Monday in May for the national observance of Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, military service has always been a part of the fabric of New Mexico's culture and history as it is sure to be for future generations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2023 as:

"Memorial Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Done at the Executive Office this
17th day of April 2023.

Handwritten signature of Maggie Toulouse Oliver in black ink.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

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

Handwritten signature of Michelle Lujan Grisham in black ink.
Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor