



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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, DOCTORS OF CHIROPRACTIC (DC) ARE PROVIDERS WHO FOCUS ON THE WHOLE PERSON IN THEIR APPROACH TO HEALTH CARE, AND HAVE PARTICULAR EXPERTISE IN THE PREVENTION, CARE, AND REHABILITATION OF MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURIES AND CONDITIONS; AND

WHEREAS, DC ARE EDUCATED IN NATIONALLY ACCREDITED, FOUR-YEAR DOCTORAL GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS THROUGH A CURRICULUM THAT INCLUDES A MINIMUM OF 4,200 HOURS OF CLASSROOM, LABORATORY, AND CLINICAL INTERNSHIP, WITH THE AVERAGE DC PROGRAM EQUIVALENT IN CLASSROOM HOURS TO ALLOPATHIC AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SCHOOLS; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION, SINCE ITS FOUNDING MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO, PROMOTES MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH, OVERALL WELLNESS, AND DISEASE PREVENTION BY ENCOURAGING ITS PATIENTS AND THE PUBLIC TO MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE THROUGH GOOD NUTRITION, REGULAR EXERCISE, AND RESTFUL SLEEP; AND

WHEREAS, DC ARE RECOGNIZED WORLDWIDE FOR THEIR HEALTH-ENHANCING AND INJURY-PREVENTION SERVICES, WHICH HELP PEOPLE TO HEAL NATURALLY, OFTEN WITHOUT THE NEED OF DRUGS AND SURGERY, AND TO RESUME THEIR REGULAR ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING SOONER; AND

WHEREAS, MUSCULOSKELETAL PROBLEMS TAKE A MAJOR PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL TOLL ON THE PUBLIC, WHICH SPENDS ABOUT \$50 BILLION PER YEAR ALONE ON HEALTH CARE AND EXPENSES RELATED TO BACK PAIN; AND

WHEREAS, DC THROUGH THEIR REGULAR INTERACTIONS WITH PATIENTS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A CARE-FIRST APPROACH TO HEALTH, THEREBY DIMINISHING THE NEED FOR RISKIER AND MORE EXPENSIVE TREATMENTS; AND

WHEREAS, NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH MONTH 2014 SERVES AS A REMINDER TO ALL CITIZENS OF NEW MEXICO THAT THEY CAN BE THEIR OWN HEALTH CARE ADVOCATES WHEN DISCUSSING TREATMENT OPTIONS WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2014 AS

“NATIONAL CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH MONTH”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 15TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014.

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

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

