



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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, JOHN ADAMS WROTE, "THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THE FATHERS ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE WERE ... THE GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIANITY." (LETTER TO THOMAS JEFFERSON, JUNE 28, 1813); AND

WHEREAS, NOAH WEBSTER TAUGHT, "THE RELIGION WHICH HAS INTRODUCED CIVIL LIBERTY IS THE RELIGION OF CHRIST AND HIS APOSTLES ... THIS IS GENUINE CHRISTIANITY AND TO THIS WE OWE OUR FREE CONSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT." (*HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES*, 1832, PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXTBOOK); AND

WHEREAS, THOMAS JEFFERSON WARNED, "CAN THE LIBERTIES OF A NATION BE THOUGHT SECURE WHEN WE HAVE REMOVED THEIR ONLY FIRM BASIS, A CONVICTION IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT THESE LIBERTIES ARE THE GIFT OF GOD?" (*NOTES ON THE STATE OF VIRGINIA*, 1781); AND

WHEREAS, JAMES MADISON PROCLAIMED, "AND TO THE SAME DIVINE AUTHOR OF EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT WE ARE INDEBTED FOR ALL THOSE PRIVILEGES AND ADVANTAGES, RELIGIOUS AS WELL AS CIVIL, WHICH ARE SO RICHLY ENJOYED IN TIS FAVORED LAND." (PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION, 1815); AND

WHEREAS, BENJAMIN RUSH ENCOURAGED, "LET THE CHILDREN ... BE CAREFULLY INSTRUCTED IN THE PRINCIPLES AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. THIS IS THE MOST ESSENTIAL PART OF EDUCATION." (A PLAN FOR FREE SCHOOLS, 1787); AND

WHEREAS, GEORGE WASHINGTON EXHORTED, "WE OUGHT TO BE NO LESS PERSUADED THAT THE PROPITIOUS SMILES OF HEAVEN CAN NEVER BE EXPECTED ON A NATION WHICH DISREGARDS THE ETERNAL RULES OF ORDER AND RIGHT WHICH HEAVEN ITSELF HAS ORDAINED." ("INAUGURAL ADDRESS," APRIL 30, 1789); AND

WHEREAS, COMMEMORATING AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HERITAGE PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE CHOOSING TO PARTICIPATE TO THANK GOD FOR HIS "BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY," TO ASK HIS HELP TO "ENSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY" AND TO RECOGNIZE OUR NATIONAL NEED AND "UNALIENABLE RIGHTS" IN REAFFIRMING OUR "RELIANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE" FOR KEEPING OUR FAMILIES SECURE, COMMUNITIES SAFE AND AMERICA A "FREE AND INDEPENDENT" "ONE NATION, UNDER GOD."

NOW, THEREFORE I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 20TH THROUGH THE 26TH OF NOVEMBER 2011 AS

"CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK"

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 4th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2011.

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

SUSANA MARTINEZ
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

DIANNA J. DURAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

