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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 18, 2022 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act, which aims to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution in the nation's waters with the goal of restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters for the use and benefit of every American; and

WHEREAS, over the past 50 years, we have made great strides towards achieving a vision of abundant clean water for people to use and to protect the environment and sustain New Mexico's future; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of New Mexico are dependent on clean waters to protect public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's precious lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands provide its citizens with numerous recreational and commercial opportunities and greatly enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, clean water plays a vital role in the economic prosperity of New Mexico by supporting agriculture, tourism, industry, and wildlife and sustaining important cultural traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has cooperated with states, tribes, local communities, businesses, and concerned individuals to significantly reduce all forms of water pollution, making our waters better suited for recreation, irrigation, and other pursuits and more hospitable to aquatic life; and

WHEREAS, with the vulnerability of watersheds caused by climate change, all citizens will need to continue to build upon the great accomplishments of the past 50 years and work toward a more resilient ecosystem and more efficient land management and water use.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as:
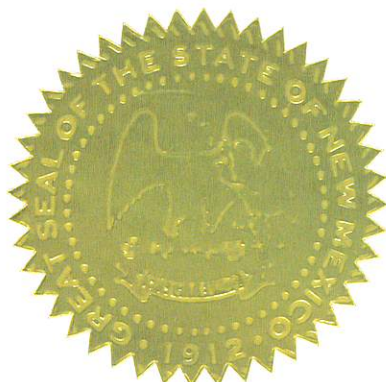
"Month of Clean Water"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 20th day of September 2022.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor