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

Proclamation

***WHEREAS**, September has been nationally recognized to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and*

***WHEREAS**, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States; and*

***WHEREAS**, each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 6,800 of these children die; and*

***WHEREAS**, sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the U.S., with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be $62 billion annually; and*

***WHEREAS**, on average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (14,000 per year in the United States) and post-sepsis syndrome; and*

***WHEREAS**, communities that have historically lacked access to high-quality healthcare experience a disproportionate burden of sepsis-related suffering; and*

***WHEREAS**, sepsis is the second-leading cause of pregnancy-related mortality in the United States; and*

***WHEREAS**, the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases; and*

***WHEREAS**, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis; and*

***WHEREAS**, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "Temperature," "Infection," "Mental decline," and "Extremely ill"; and*

***WHEREAS**, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors.*

***NOW THEREFORE**, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as:*

"*Sepsis Awareness Month*"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this 26th day of August 2024.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor