



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

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS (NETS) OFTEN DEVELOP INTO CANCER AND, IF LEFT UNTREATED, CAN RESULT IN SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DEATH; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALL TOO OFTEN HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS UNDERESTIMATE THE MALIGNANT AND METASTATIC POTENTIAL OF NEUROENDOCRINE TUMORS; AND

**WHEREAS**, NET CANCER PATIENTS ARE OFTEN MISDIAGNOSED OR RECEIVE A DELAYED DIAGNOSIS, WHICH CAN HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THEIR CHANCE OF SURVIVAL AND QUALITY OF LIFE; AND

**WHEREAS**, SURVIVAL FOR NET CANCER PATIENTS IS FURTHER COMPROMISED BY FRAGMENTED CARE AND LACK OF ACCESS TO TREATMENT BY NETWORKS OF SPECIALISTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN ADVANCES IN THE DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF NET CANCERS, NOT ALL PATIENTS ARE BENEFITING QUICKLY ENOUGH FROM SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL PROGRESS IN THE FIELD; AND

**WHEREAS**, WITH TIMELY DIAGNOSIS AND PROPER TREATMENT, NET CANCER PATIENTS CAN HAVE A SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED OUTCOME AND QUALITY OF LIFE;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2018, AS

## “NET CANCER AWARENESS DAY”

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AND ENCOURAGE PATIENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, AS WELL AS THE WIDER COMMUNITY, TO JOIN WITH US AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT NET CANCERS, AND THE NEED FOR TIMELY DIAGNOSIS AND ACCESS TO OPTIMAL TREATMENT AND CARE.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 22<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

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

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*Susana Martinez*  
SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

