



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, every young person in New Mexico deserves the opportunity to be healthy, thrive, and succeed academically; and

WHEREAS, access to comprehensive health care including primary care, behavioral health, and health education is essential for improving academic achievement, long-term health outcomes, and the overall well-being of New Mexico's youth; and

WHEREAS, for more than 35 years, school-based health centers have served as a cornerstone of affordable, accessible health care for children and adolescents across New Mexico, particularly in rural and underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Alliance for School-Based Health Care, a trusted nonprofit partner, has championed and strengthened school-based health services for 25 years, ensuring that these programs meet the unique needs of our state's diverse populations; and

WHEREAS, school-based health centers provide high-quality primary care, behavioral health services, and health education, while teaching students how to appropriately access and utilize health care resources; and

WHEREAS, these centers play a critical role in reducing health disparities among historically marginalized youth in New Mexico, improving health outcomes, and fostering equity in care; and

WHEREAS, school-based health centers contribute to New Mexico's economy by reducing costly hospitalizations and emergency visits, supporting working families by delivering care where students spend their time, and helping keep students healthy, in school, and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, healthy children become successful students, and successful students build strong, vibrant communities across New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico remains deeply committed to advancing school-based health services and systems that promote health, equity, and academic success for all young people.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

“School-Based Health Care Awareness Month”

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
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Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
7th day of January 2026.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

