

STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious problems, and finding a solution depends upon the involvement of people within our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, there are approximately 30,000 reports of child abuse and neglect in New Mexico each year; and*

*WHEREAS, during periods of economic challenges, families feel more vulnerable, and as a result, child abuse and neglect increase drastically; and*

*WHEREAS, all New Mexicans share the responsibility of raising the awareness of and prevention of child abuse, and supporting families in their efforts to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all of New Mexico's children; and*

*WHEREAS, all New Mexicans encourage parents to learn the Twelve Alternatives to Lashing Out at Your Child, as child abuse prevention methods; and*

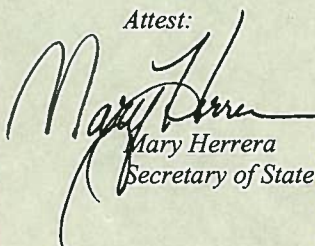
*WHEREAS, all New Mexicans should be vigilant and fervent in their efforts to stop child abuse, recognize when it happens, and know what to do when you suspect it. Report abuse or neglect to the Children, Youth and Families Department Statewide Central Intake Hotline, 1-800-797-3260, or to law enforcement or the appropriate tribal entity;*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim April, 2010 as:*

## **"Child Abuse Prevention Month"**

*throughout the State of New Mexico and call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in New Mexico to recognize the importance of protecting New Mexico's children by providing them a safe environment free from physical, sexual and emotional abuse.*

Attest:

  
Mary Herrera  
Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010.

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

  
Bill Richardson  
Governor