



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship is vital to the State of New Mexico's growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Commerce, more than 1,300 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, creating more than 17 million self-employers, that make up more than 17% of the Nation's 17 million paid business firms nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the 21st Century student areas critical to success in communication and workplace; and

WHEREAS, more than 70% of young Americans envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial in college; and

WHEREAS, the National Governors' Association encourages continuing education to stimulate growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations under the umbrella of the New Mexico Small Entrepreneurship Network (NMSEN) in our State and nationwide are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the National Commission for Entrepreneurship Education; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth to become excited about entrepreneurship, and working to spread the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs, are essential to the long-term growth of our local communities, State, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, NMSEN is comprised of over forty career, technical, and other student organizations that offer an array of programs, activities, and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship and supported by the New Mexico Economic Development Department, Workforce Solutions Department, New Mexico Department of Higher Education, New Mexico Small Business Development Centers, Small Business Administration, New Mexico Chamber of Commerce, and other state's organizations; and

WHEREAS, Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the state, academic, technical, and problem-solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces;

NOW, THEREFORE I, GUY BUCHANAN, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 20-27, 2018 as:

"Entrepreneurship Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico.


Guy Buchanan
Governor of New Mexico

Done at the Executive Office and
21st day of January, 2018.

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


Bill Richardson
Governor

