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Celebrate Arbor Month, New Mexico!

Santa Fe, NM – It's not just one day, we get an entire month to celebrate trees and the importance they have to all New Mexicans. The State Forestry Division wants everyone to celebrate Arbor Month by planting or caring for trees and taking part in community activities.

In honor of the occasion, Governor Susana Martinez has signed a proclamation recognizing March 13, 2015, as Arbor Day in New Mexico and has designated March as Arbor Month.

"Governor Martinez and I encourage everyone to recognize Arbor Month by enjoying the millions of acres of trees in New Mexico," said State Forestry Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager Jennifer Dann. "All trees, including those in those in our cities, state parks and forests provide essential services and benefits to our lives and communities."

Recognizing that the state's diverse climate does not provide for tree planting opportunities for all areas on only one date, the New Mexico State Legislature in 1992 passed a house memorial designating all of March as Arbor Month. Nationally, Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 24.

Celebrating Arbor Day and Arbor Month is an opportunity for all New Mexicans to learn more about the planting and care of trees, and to take positive action within their communities. Any Arbor Month activity, whether large or small, will benefit both current and future citizens of New Mexico by investing in this tremendous natural resource. For more ideas on Arbor Month celebrations, or to find out more about activities in your community, contact the New Mexico State Forestry Division Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager, Jennifer Dann, at 505-476-3332 or by email at JenniferL.Dann@state.nm.us.

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