



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, sustainability resides at the intersection of a vibrant economy, an equitable society, and a healthy environment in the interest of meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs; and*

*WHEREAS, humanity and the planet currently face unprecedented challenges such as climate change, food and water shortages, environmental degradation, conflict and global health issues which must be addressed through critical thinking and innovative problem-solving; and*

*WHEREAS, young people currently have the motivation and ability to make important contributions to the creation of a sustainable world both now and for future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, sustainability education helps students learn skills, perspectives, and values that can guide and motivate them to seek sustainable livelihoods, fully participate in a democratic society, and live in a sustainable manner; and*

*WHEREAS, colleges of education and teachers play a vital role in creating a more just and sustainable world; and*

*WHEREAS, sustainability literacy is a prerequisite for participating in the emerging green economy and for engaging with critical local, regional, and global issues; and*

*WHEREAS, young people will benefit academically and personally from expanded opportunities to engage in sustainability education learning experiences; and*

*WHEREAS, young people should be valued for the idealism, passion, energy, creativity, and commitment they bring to the challenges in their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the week of November 8-12, 2010 is National Sustainability Education Week in recognition of students, teachers, colleges of education, and the larger community working to create sustainable communities;*

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim November 8-12, 2010 as:*

## ***“Sustainability Education Week”***

*throughout the State of New Mexico.*

Attest:

  
Mary Herrera  
Secretary of State

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

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

  
Bill Richardson  
Governor

