



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, according to the U S Department of Commerce, more than 2,300 people become independent entrepreneurs every day, joining the more than 20 million other self-employed individuals that make up more than 75% of the nation's 26 million plus business firms nationwide, therefore making entrepreneurship vital to New Mexico's growth and prosperity; and*

*WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the 21st century content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces, and in pursuit of developing those skills, a broad coalition of partner organizations in New Mexico and throughout the United States are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education; and*

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

*WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills and attitudes of New Mexico's youth and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state and the nation; and*

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

*NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 23 – March 1, 2008 as:*

## "Entrepreneurship Week"

*throughout the State of New Mexico.*

Attest:

  
Mary Herrera  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

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

  
Bill Richardson  
Governor

