



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald M. Burke has served New Mexico’s students, educators, families, and communities for over 50 years through his distinguished leadership in higher education; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Burke will retire from his role as chair of the New Mexico Higher Education Capital Outlay Committee after 20 years of voluntary service, and*

*WHEREAS, in his role as chair of the Higher Education Capital Outlay Committee and Chair of the General Obligation Bond Committee for Higher Education, Dr. Burke has stewarded over \$4 billion in state funds for the benefit of students and New Mexico’s public colleges, universities, and special schools through capital improvement projects statewide, which have created over 40,000 jobs and benefitted local economies in every region; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Burke also served as Chair of the New Mexico State University Labor Relations Board, President Emeritus of the New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation, and Vice President Emeritus at New Mexico State University; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Burke served on the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education from 1999 to 2003 prior to the creation of the New Mexico Higher Education Department in 2005, President of the New Mexico Student Loan Guarantee Corporation and New Mexico Educational Assistance Foundation; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Burke served as a faculty member of Agricultural Economics at New Mexico State University beginning in 1962 and went on to serve as Associate Academic Vice President, Vice President for Administration, and Legislative Liaison Officer; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. Burke has been recognized for meritorious service by New Mexico State University, the Council of University Presidents, the State of New Mexico, and authored numerous academic and professional publications; and*

*WHEREAS, the New Mexico Higher Education Department, the State of New Mexico, and all who have had the privilege of working with Dr. Burke owe him a debt of gratitude for his decades of prudent leadership, collegiality, expertise, and selflessness.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2023 as:*

## **“Dr. Gerald Burke Day”**

*throughout the state of New Mexico.*

Attest: 

Maggie Toulouse Oliver  
Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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

  
Michelle Lujan Grisham  
Governor

