



STATE OF NEW MEXICO **EXECUTIVE OFFICE** SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, THE SOUTHWESTERN REGION OF THE NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IS AN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE EXPLORATION, STUDY, AND PROTECTION OF CAVES THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE SOUTHWESTERN REGION HAS CONTINUALLY SUPPORTED STATE AND FEDERAL LAND AGENCIES IN MANAGING AND UNDERSTANDING IMPORTANT CAVE RESOURCES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE SOUTHWESTERN REGION HAS PROVIDED EXPERTISE, AND DONATED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF UNCOUNTED VOLUNTEER HOURS IN SUPPORT OF DISCOVERY, EXPLORATION, EDUCATION, SCIENCE, MANAGEMENT, SEARCH AND RESCUE, CONSERVATION, AND PROTECTION OF CAVES; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE SOUTHWESTERN REGION IS A PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTOR TO AN EVER-INCREASING BODY OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CAVES OF NEW MEXICO; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE SOUTHWESTERN REGION IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT WAS FORMED AT FORT STANTON CAVE IN MAY 1962 AND IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY;

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, SUSANA MARTINEZ, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2012 AS

## **“SOUTHWESTERN REGION CAVERS’ DAY”**

THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

SIGNED AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MAY 2012.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

Handwritten signature of Susana Martinez in black ink.

SUSANA MARTINEZ  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Dianna J. Duran in black ink.

DIANNA J. DURAN  
SECRETARY OF STATE

