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Gov. Lujan Grisham visits classroom of 2021 New Mexico Teacher of the Year

Gov. presents proclamation honoring Alisa Cooper de Uribe of New Mexico International School in Albuquerque

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Monday visited the classroom of Alisa Cooper de Uribe, the <u>2021 New Mexico Teacher of the Year</u>, at the New Mexico International School in Albuquerque.

After meeting with students, the governor presented Ms. Cooper de Uribe with an official proclamation declaring May 24 "Alisa Cooper de Uribe Day" in the state of New Mexico. The proclamation is attached.

The Teacher of the Year program celebrates the talent and commitment of extraordinary educators in New Mexico.

"Educators give so much of themselves to their students," said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**. "And over this last year they've given even more. I'm honored to have the chance to meet with Alisa and to honor her – and by extension honor each of the incredible New Mexico educators who have gone above and beyond for their students and their school communities during the pandemic."

Cooper de Uribe, a native of Raton, is a first-grade bilingual education educator. She has taught for 12 years and has helped develop the International School's baccalaureate program of inquiry for Spanish immersion.

The New Mexico Teacher of the Year program dates to 1963. Each of New Mexico's school districts and state charter schools are invited annually to nominate outstanding educators for the honor.









STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the National Teacher of the Year program is the most prestigious teacher recognition program in the country; and

WHEREAS, each year the program honors a new cohort of state teachers of the year with a yearlong, one-of-a-kind professional learning and development experience; and

WHEREAS, the program is designed to enhance leadership skills while celebrating the talent and commitment of extraordinary educators; and

WHEREAS, each year since the program began in 1963, New Mexico's eighty-nine school districts and state charter schools have been invited to nominate outstanding educators to become New Mexico's teacher of the year; and

WHEREAS, Alisa Cooper de Uribe, a native of Raton and a first-grade bilingual education teacher at New Mexico International School in Albuquerque, is the New Mexico 2021 teacher of the year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cooper de Uribe has been teaching for 12 years and helped develop her school's international baccalaureate programme of inquiry for Spanish immersion; and

WHEREAS, she is a friend and mentor to her students with a mission to imbue them with multilingual skills that will serve them for life; and

WHEREAS, colleagues and former students report that Ms. Cooper de Uribe represents the educator all of us want in our children's classroom:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2021 as:

"Alisa Cooper de Uribe Day"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

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Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver Secretary of State Done at the Executive Office this 19th day of May 2021.

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

Governor

