



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

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Aldo Leopold, an internationally-respected scientist and conservationist, was instrumental in formulating policy, promoting wilderness, and building ecological foundations for two twentieth century professions – forestry and wildlife ecology; and

*WHEREAS, Aldo Leopold is perhaps best known as the author of *A Sand County Almanac*, a volume of nature sketches and philosophical essays recognized as one of the enduring expressions of an ecological attitude toward people and the land; and*

WHEREAS, in 1909, one hundred years ago, Aldo Leopold graduated from Yale's School of Forestry and arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico beginning a fifteen-year tenure in the Southwest; and

WHEREAS, as first secretary of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce (1918-1919), Leopold expressed a dream of creating a Rio Grande Valley State Park which came to fruition in 1984; and

WHEREAS, in 1922 Leopold submitted a proposal to the Forest Service to form the nation's first designated Wilderness area in the Gila National Forest, which was then created in 1924; and

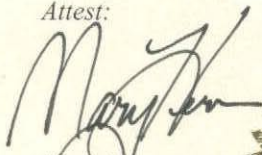
WHEREAS, the Aldo Leopold Centennial Celebration 2009 both honors Aldo Leopold and recognizes that an ethical relationship with the land is essential to a vibrant and healthy community;

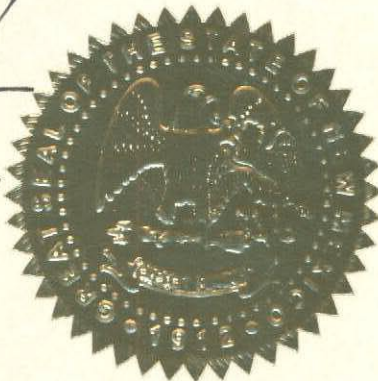
NOW, THEREFORE I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim February 8-14, 2009:

"Aldo Leopold Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico.

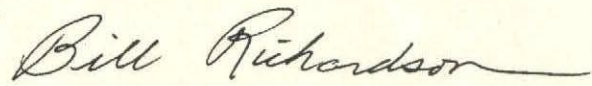
Attest:


Mary Herrera
Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this
22nd day of January, 2009.

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


Bill Richardson
Governor