

**PROCLAMATION from the  
Belen City Council and  
Office of the Mayor**

**WHEREAS** the City of Belen encourages and supports soil and water conservation through education and special events; and

**WHEREAS** the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District's mission is to provide natural resource conservation for a quality environment through active leadership, cooperation, and partnership; and

**WHEREAS** the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District shares the importance of conservation with Belen students through its environmental education programs in support of New Mexico's Next Generation Science Standards; and

**WHEREAS** annually over 2,000 Belen students participate in hands-on environmental education at the outdoor classroom of the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District's Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area; and

**WHEREAS** the Whitfield Conservation Area Complex of 279 acres preserves wildlife; provides demonstrations and workshops for citizens and organizations of Belen; and has become a premier wildlife viewing destination, attracting 500+ visitors and their ecotourism dollars to Belen during the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District's recent Earth Day celebration and City—Nature Challenge; and

**WHEREAS** the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District helps the farmers and ranchers of Belen improve their own management of soil and water resources through financial assistance, technical workshops, and free soil testing;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Belen City Council and Mayor of Belen, do hereby declare their appreciation of the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District and proclaim the month of June 2021 as

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MONTH**

in Belen, New Mexico, and urge all citizens to recognize the dedication and hard work of the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District and encourage them to engage with their District to conserve natural resources in order to provide a healthy Belen economy and community.

IN OFFICIAL RECONGITION WHEREOF, we hereby affix our signatures this 6th day of July 2021.

  
Dorothy Flores, City Clerk



  
Jerah Cordova, Mayor