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**State Auditor Colón Issues Proclamation Declaring May  
2021 International Internal Audit Awareness Month**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – State Auditor Colón today announced the issuing of a proclamation declaring May 2021 International Internal Audit Awareness Month.

“I am proud to honor and promote those professionals and organizations around the world who have a critical role in internal auditing,” said Auditor Colón. “It is my distinct pleasure to issue this Proclamation celebrating the value of their work. Auditors are an essential asset in combating waste, fraud, and abuse in all organizations – public and private.”

The proclamation is attached.

New Mexicans concerned about potential instances of fraud, waste, and abuse should contact the Office of the State Auditor. Reports may be made anonymously through our website at [www.saonm.org](http://www.saonm.org) or by calling 1-866-OSA-FRAUD. You may also speak to an investigator by calling 505-476-3800.

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# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, internal auditing is a vital part of strengthening organizations and protecting stakeholders of both the public and private sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, internal auditing helps identify and manage the organization's risks and ensure policies, procedures, and controls are in place and working appropriately; and

**WHEREAS**, internal auditing is an increasingly sophisticated and complex activity requiring specialized knowledge, training, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, internal auditing is an established profession, led by The Institute of Internal Auditors, with a globally recognized code of ethics and *International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing*; and

**WHEREAS**, the contribution of internal auditors to the success of organizations and the global economy at large deserves our recognition and commendations;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Brian S. Colón, ESQ, CFE, New Mexico State Auditor, do hereby proclaim the Month of May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month. I hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing International Internal Audit Awareness Month, and I invite the citizens of New Mexico to join me in recognizing professional internal auditors for their contribution.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have here unto set my hand this 27th day of May, in the year 2021.



  
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Brian S. Colón, ESQ, CFE  
New Mexico State Auditor