

RESOLUTION NO. R-20-41

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING GRANT COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF A COUNTY-BY-COUNTY
RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Weekly/August 14, 2020, The Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic has been associated with mental health challenges related not only to the morbidity and mortality caused by the disease itself, but also to mitigation activities, including the impact of physical distancing and stay-at-home orders, and

WHEREAS, symptoms of anxiety disorder, depressive disorder, substance abuse, and suicidal ideation, are increasing in New Mexico, and

WHEREAS, many New Mexico businesses are struggling or failing, and many jobs are threatened and being lost due to Covid-19 and related orders imposed by state and local governments, and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial if New Mexicans did not have to travel out of New Mexico for recreation, health care, and to purchase goods and services in states that are open for business, and

WHEREAS, loss of business and personal income and tax revenue, and disruption of basic daily routines have taken a heavy toll on New Mexico communities, and

WHEREAS, current Covid-19 cases and infection spread rates have fluctuated significantly between counties in New Mexico, while penalties and restrictions are imposed statewide,

WHEREAS, a data driven, county by county, phased approach to re-opening would make it possible for counties with lower infection rates to safely accelerate re-opening plans and begin mitigation of the aforementioned challenges

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Grant County Commission requests the State of New Mexico implement a county-by-county, phased reopening process, that allows for county input into policies and procedures within state guidelines for safe re-entry.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 17th day of September 2020.

Board of County Commissioners:

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