

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF GRANT
RESOLUTION NO. R-20-16**

DECLARATION OF A HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR GRANT COUNTY

WHEREAS, at least 23 New Mexicans have tested presumptively positive for the novel coronavirus COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can spread in droplets from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially declared a global pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico has declared a State of Health Emergency invoking all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978 § 12-10-1 through 12-10-10, in order to contain and combat the virus; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Health Secretary has issued a Public Health Order suspending mass gatherings in New Mexico effective immediately in order to prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that local governments should take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, cancellation of public meetings, limiting public gatherings and events, and implementing additional public health and education measures to prevent, contain and mitigate the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico issued a directive to minimize face-to-face contact while continuing service delivery, and encouraging local governments to do the same which will limit person-to-person contact in order to emphasize social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Grant County office of Emergency Management (GCOEM) is coordinating with local, state and other stakeholders and partners for planning, public information, and resource requests; and

WHEREAS, Grant County has complied with the state requirements for notification of an emergency meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Grant County to discuss and act on this Resolution, including the waiver of reporting requirements during a State Declared Emergency.


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Grant County Board of Commissioners, by this Resolution declare that:

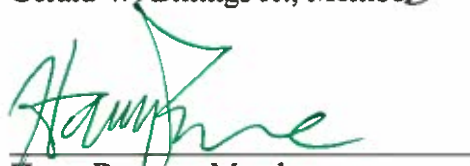
1. By virtue of the authority provided by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978 § 12-10-1 through 12-10-10) and local plan resolutions, we do hereby declare Grant County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico and the Federal Government; and,
2. County agencies and departments are directed to utilize county resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected areas of the County in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak; and,
3. As a result of this event, it is the responsibility of Grant County Officials to control County resources (finances, equipment, facilities, personnel, etc.), and manage and coordinate those resources for the control and spread of COVID-19 and maintain public health; and,
4. The County Manager is hereby granted and delegated all necessary and proper authority to implement measures to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including offsite and telecommuting, and hours of operation for all employees during this period of emergency.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of March at an Emergency Meeting of the Grant County Board of Commissioners.

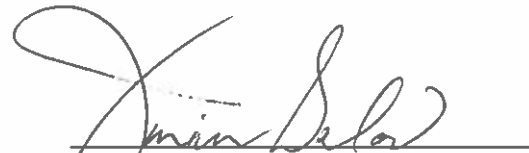
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