



**CIBOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 20-26**

LOCAL EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Cibola County Commissioners of Cibola County, New Mexico, met a Emergency Commission Meeting on March 17, 2020, at the Cibola County Administration Building, 700 East Roosevelt, Suite 50, Grants, NM 87020; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-38-13 (1953) provides that board of county commissioners shall have power at any session to make such orders concerning the property belonging to the county as they may deem expedient; and,

WHEREAS, Section 4-37-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 provides that counties may adopt those resolutions and ordinances, not inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties, to discharge those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the county and its inhabitants; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the containment, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and,

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and,

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and,

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, prevent the spread of the disease and promote the health and safety of individuals in Cibola County; and,

WHEREAS, Cibola County will work collaboratively with Grants, Milan, and the Cibola General Hospital, to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, by this declaration, the Board declares all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of this incident; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted pursuant to the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NSMA 1978, Section 12-10-1 et seq., and particularly NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-5 (2007), the Board authorizes the use of all available resources of the County to assist in the County's response to this situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CIBOLA COUNTY:

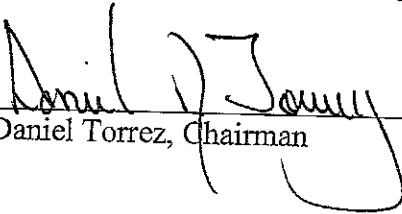
1. That a state of disaster based on public health emergency is declared for Cibola County pursuant to the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-1, et seq. (2007).
2. Pursuant to the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, the state of local disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of this declaration, unless continued or renewed by the Board of County Commissioners of Cibola County.
3. This declaration of a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and filed promptly with the County Clerk.
4. Pursuant to the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, the Board authorizes the Manager and the Emergency Management Coordinator to enter into mutual aid agreements for reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance.



6. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

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

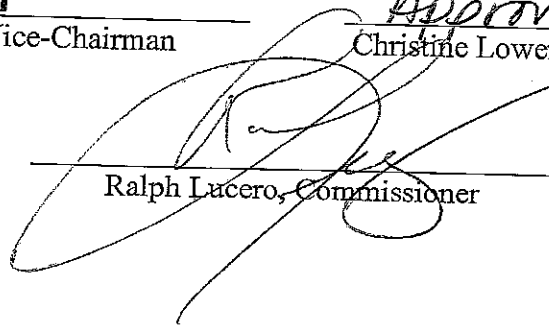
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