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**RESOLUTION #2020-09**

**DECLARING COLFAX COUNTY TO BE  
AN EMERGENCY AREA AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can spread via droplets from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 11, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "Pandemic"; and

**WHEREAS**, The CDC currently indicates there are 198,178 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 6,496 of those cases in the United States, and New Mexico State Department of Health has now confirmed travel related spread of COVID-19 in New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days;

**WHEREAS**, Colfax County has instituted a COVID-19 Emergency Management Team to manage all aspects of the incident; and

**WHEREAS**, Colfax County Emergency Manager, is coordinating resources across local and state government to support the County and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and business, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the virus with the State Homeland Security Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico and Colfax County significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Colfax County, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, the governing body of the County of Colfax, that:

1. County agencies and departments are directed to utilize county resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist

- affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak; and,
2. As a result of this event, it is the responsibility of Colfax County officials to control County resources and manage and coordinate those resources for the control of spread of COVID-19 and maintain public health; and,
  3. Colfax County approves a three-tier alertness plan of action, made part of this resolution; and
  4. Colfax County will develop a Pandemic Plan.

APPROVED IN OPEN MEETING THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2020.  
COLFAX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Absent*

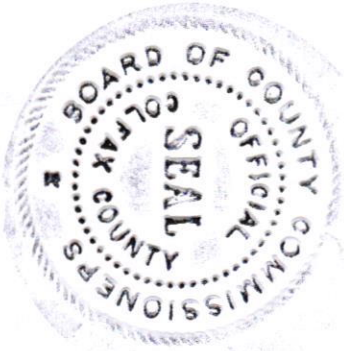
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