RESOLUTION NO. 2024-66 LINCOLN COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION [South Fork Fire]

WHEREAS, Lincoln County has suffered damage caused by wildfires caused by lightning strikes on June 17, 2024, in the Lincoln County Forest; and

WHEREAS, approximately 5,000 acres of land have burned as of the date of approval of this Resolution;

WHEREAS, structures have been threatened and lost and multiple areas have been ordered to evacuate; and

WHEREAS, damages are resulting in hardship to those evacuating and are threatening the safety, wellbeing and welfare of the citizens of the County of Lincoln in the vicinity of the fire; and

WHEREAS, locally available public and private resources and forces are being brought to the scene and used to plan for contingencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners, by virtue of the authority provided by Ordinance and Article 14, Section 4-14-1, et. seq. and by the New Mexico Civil Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978 Comp., 12-10-1 through 12-10-10) does hereby declare Lincoln County a disaster area for the purposes of exercising necessary emergency powers and the expenditure of available resources, and requesting assistance and relief programs and funds available through the State of New Mexico.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ______ day of June, 2024.

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