



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, in December 2019, several cases of pneumonia with an unknown cause were detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and the underlying virus giving rise to those reported instances of respiratory illness was later identified as a novel coronavirus disease: COVID-19;

WHEREAS, soon thereafter, COVID-19 became a pandemic as it rapidly spread across Asia, Europe, and North America;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been nationally and globally recognized as a health emergency, unprecedented in modern times. In late January 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. Similarly, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency related to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, there are now over 58 million cases of COVID-19 and nearly 1.4 million deaths worldwide, with more than 12 million cases and well over 250,000 deaths in the United States alone;

WHEREAS, a statewide public health emergency was declared in New Mexico on March 11, 2020 when the State's first cases were confirmed and continues through today, and the President approved a federal Major Disaster Declaration for the State of New Mexico on April 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, since March 11, 2020, the number of confirmed cases has risen to more than 81,000 and more than 1,300 COVID-related deaths have been recorded by the Department of Health;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused significant economic harm and social disruption in our State by affecting supply chains, altering consumer behavior, and generally slowing economic activity;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the New Mexico State Legislature to convene at the State Capitol Building to consider a range of measures addressing impacts of the continuing public health crisis.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 6 of the New Mexico Constitution, do hereby issue this amended proclamation and call the Fifty-Fourth Legislature of the State of New Mexico into a second Special Session at eleven o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe. In accordance with Article IV, Section 6, this Second Special Session is called for the purpose of considering and enacting legislation concerning the following objects and no others: making appropriations from the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act relief fund allocation in order to provide additional unemployment compensation benefits, to make grants to certain New Mexico businesses, assistance to low income State residence, to provide emergency housing assistance and emergency food bank services and also to make appropriations from the general fund to the Department of Health and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this
24th day of November 2020.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor