CATRON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 058-2020

LOCAL EMERGENCY DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Catron County Commission met in an emergency meeting on April 2, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in the Catron County Fire Administration Building, 3 Mountaineer Rd., Reserve, New Mexico; 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,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, because of the spread of the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), Michelle Lujan Grisham, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, declared that a Public Health Emergency exists in New Mexico under the Public Health Emergency Response Act, and invoked her authority under the All Hazards Emergency Management Act; and,

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 further spread of COVID-19 in Catron County poses a threat to the health, safety, wellbeing and property of the residents in the State due to, among other things, illness from COVID-19, illness-related absenteeism from employment (particularly among public safety and law enforcement personnel and persons engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the State), potential displacement of persons, and closures of schools or other places of public gathering; 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 Catron County; and,

WHEREAS, Catron County will work collaboratively with the Village of Reserve, and Presbyterian Medical Services, 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 CATRON COUNTY:

1. That a state of disaster based on public health emergency is declared for Catron 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 Catron 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.

5. Pursuant to the NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1, the County may take such actions necessary to protect the health of persons in the County.

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

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND DECLARED on this 2nd day of April 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

[Signatures]

M. Keith Riddle, Clerk

Anita Hand, Vice-Chair, District I

John Cliff Snyder, Commissioner, District II

Van J. "Bucky" Allred, Chairman, District III