State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-018

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ASSIST IN AND COORDINATE RELIEF EFFORTS DURING THE STATEWIDE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, I issued an Order declaring a public health emergency due to the spread of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") in New Mexico and invoked gubernatorial powers under the All Hazard Emergency Management Act. See Order Declaring A State of Public Health Emergency and Invoking the Powers Provided by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act and the Emergency Licensing Act, Executive Order 2020-004.

Executive Order 2020-004 also directed the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to collaborate with the Department of Health and other agencies to provide an effective and coordinated response to the statewide public health emergency declared in that Order, including through the credentialing of out-of-state professionals who can render aid and necessary services.

On March 15, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-007, which provided seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) of emergency funding to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to carry out its mission of providing relief and coordinating relief efforts of state and local authorities. The Department has carried out its role admirably, but the scale of the response and coordination efforts associated with the spread of COVID-19 in New Mexico necessitate additional emergency funding.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 12-11-25, emergency funds shall be expended by the Governor or any agent or agency designated by her either as a State project or for securing matching funds when a disaster is beyond local control and requires State resources to avoid or minimize economic or physical harm and to take action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Executive Order 2020-004 has already declared the continuing public health emergency described in that Order as a disaster that is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requiring the resources of the State. That continuing public health emergency necessitates the provision of additional emergency funding to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management so that it is prepared to provide rapid response and unhindered deployment of necessary assets to assist New Mexicans.

Now, therefore, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, hereby declare that an emergency situation exists, as described in Executive Order 2020-004.

I direct the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency and disaster relief funds in an amount not to exceed seventy hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 12-11-23 through 12-11-25, and 12-10-14 through 12-10-15, funds shall be expended for the purposes of avoiding or minimizing economic and physical harm; protecting the public health, safety, welfare; and providing emergency and disaster relief, including but not limited to the provision of emergency medical assistance, humanitarian aid, and coordinating other aspects of the public health emergency described in Executive Order 2020-004. Funds shall be

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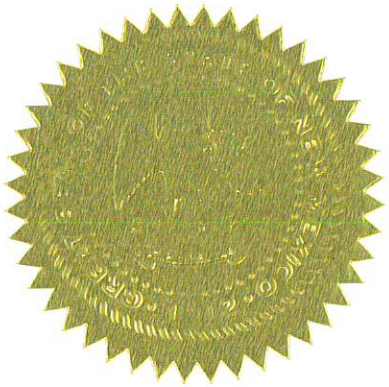
paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or an agent or agency designated by her for that purpose.

This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE



DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL 2020

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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