State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-014

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, TESTING SUPPLIES, AND OTHER NECESSARY MATERIALS TO ADDRESS THE COVID-19 EPIDEMIC

On March 11, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-004, which declared a statewide public health emergency pursuant to the Public Health Emergency Response Act and invoked gubernatorial powers under the All Hazard Emergency Management Act.

Since issuing that Order, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has grown significantly and the infection rate is increasing. For this reason, New Mexico must procure additional stocks of personal protective equipment ("PPE"), testing supplies, and other related materials.

Executive Order 2020-004 has already declared a continuing public health emergency. As described in that Order, the COVID-19 epidemic constitutes 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 Health so that it has adequate funding on hand to purchase PPE, testing supplies, and other related materials.

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 direct the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency and

disaster relief funds in an amount not to exceed twenty million dollars ($20,000,000) to the Department of Health in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 through 12-11-25 and NMSA 1978, Sections 20-1-4(A), 20-1-6, 20-2-3(A), and 20-4-3(A), and Article V, Section 4 of the New Mexico Constitution. 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 payment of any expenses incident to the purchase of PPE, testing supplies, and other related materials. Funds shall be 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 Executive 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 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2020

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

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