

BERNALILLO COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING BERNALILLO COUNTY TO BE AN EMERGENCY
AREA AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

WHEREAS, at least six New Mexicans have tested presumptively positive for the novel coronavirus, COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can spread via droplets from person to person; and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “Pandemic”; and

WHEREAS, The CDC currently indicates there are 118,322 confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide with 938 of those cases in the United States, and New Mexico State Department of Health has now confirmed travel related spread of COVID-19 in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, County Ordinance Section 22-32 creates an office of civil emergency preparedness coordinator who is responsible for the organization, administration, and operation of the civil emergency preparedness program for the County;

WHEREAS, Bernalillo County has instituted a COVID-19 Response Management Team to manage all aspects of the incident; and