

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

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WHEREAS, Bernalillo County Emergency Operations Center, is coordinating resources across local and state government to support the County and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and business, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the virus with the State Homeland Security Department; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico and Bernalillo County significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Bernalillo County, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, the governing body of the County of Bernalillo, that:

1. By virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-11), we do hereby declare Bernalillo County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico; and
2. County agencies and departments are directed to utilize county resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak; and,
3. As a result of this event, it is the responsibility of Bernalillo County officials to control County resources and manage and coordinate those resources for the control of spread of COVID-19 and maintain public health; and,
4. Due to the nature of this public health emergency, the County Manager may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and remote-work for all employees during the period of this emergency.

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DONE this 17, day of March, 2020.



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Lonnie C. Talbert, Chair

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Charlene E. Pyskoty, Vice Chair

Voted YES, telephonically
Debbie O'Malley, Member

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W. Ken Martinez, County Attorney

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Linda Stover, County Clerk