



**CITY OF GRANTS
RESOLUTION NO. 20-1671**

**DECLARATION OF THE CITY OF GRANTS TO BE AN EMERGENCY AREA AS A
RESULT OF COVID-19**

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; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Health Secretary has issued a Public Health Order suspending mass gatherings in New Mexico effective immediately in order to prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Health Secretary has directed all businesses, except those entities identified as “essential businesses” to reduce the in-person workforce at each business or business location by 100%; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised that local governments should take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, cancellation of public meetings, limiting public gatherings and events, and implementing additional public health and education measures to prevent, contain and mitigate the virus; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the governing body of the City of Grants, by this Resolution declares as follows:

1. By virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978 §§12-10-1 through 12-10-10,) we do hereby declare the City of Grants 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 from the United States federal government.
2. All City public events, trainings and non-Council meetings and all such events planned to be held in or on City property are hereby cancelled until further notice, with the status to be reviewed periodically.
3. The City shall follow and support efforts made by the Cibola County Emergency Management and operate in cooperation with the county wide emergency management plan.
4. Pursuant to the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, the declaration of the state of an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 shall continue for a period of not more than 120 days from the date of impact, unless continued or renewed by the City Council of the City of Grants.

5. Pursuant to the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, the City Council authorizes the Manager to enter into mutual aid agreements for reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance.
6. The City will wave late fees for Lodgers and utility late payments for a brief period and as deemed appropriate by the City Manager. Customers unable to make full payments will be given an extension and payment plan.
7. The City Manager may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and telecommuting for all employees during the period of this emergency.
8. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

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