



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

February 21, 2019

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 3

The Honorable Brian Egolf, Speaker of the House, and
Members of the New Mexico State House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Dear Speaker Egolf and Members of the New Mexico State House of Representatives,

Our State's firefighters and paramedics are routinely exposed to severe stress and life-threatening circumstances. Although exposure to trauma is inherent in the hard work done by first responders, that suffering is not without consequence. Traumatic events wear on our firefighters' and paramedics' well-being. The result is adverse health outcomes and shortened careers. This bill seeks to address and mitigate these harms by including PTSD as one of the existing conditions enumerated in the Firefighter Occupational Disease Act. In taking this small step, we will ensure that New Mexico's firefighters and paramedics are provided necessary care and that they are afforded the best possible opportunity for a prolonged career.

For these reasons, I respectfully request the New Mexico State House of Representatives pass House Bill 324 – PTSD as Firefighter Employment Condition in the Fifty-Fourth Legislature, First Session, 2019.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Lujan Grisham".

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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By Maggie Anderson
Secretary of State of New Mexico

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