



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-008

DECLARING A STATE DISASTER DUE TO SEVERE WINTER STORMS

WHEREAS, A series of severe winter storms impacted portions of the State of New Mexico from December 23, 2018 through January 2, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, Heavy snowfall accumulation impacted the counties of Guadalupe, Lincoln, and Los Alamos, San Miguel, and Torrance; and,

WHEREAS, damage from snow accumulation and heavy equipment usage occurred to public infrastructure including roads and buildings; and the aforementioned counties sustained significant costs related to snow removal, law enforcement operations, rescue of stranded motorists, and provision of care and shelter; and,

WHEREAS, the aforementioned counties have provided Local Disaster Resolutions declaring that all locally available public and private resources and forces available to mitigate and alleviate the damage were deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, initiating repairs and restoration, and requesting aid, assistance, relief, and funds from the State of New Mexico and the Government of the United States if applicable; and,

WHEREAS, this emergency requires prompt governmental action to protect public peace, health, and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, this emergency is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and

requires the resources of the State to avoid or minimize economic or physical harm and to take action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the in the State of New Mexico due to the effects of the December 23, 2018 through January 2, 2019 winter storms.

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed five-million, one-hundred fifty thousand (\$5,150,000) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with NMSA 1978, §§ 12-11-23 through 12-11-25. The funds shall be expended for actions taken to avoid and minimize economic and physical harm; to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and to respond to, recover from, and mitigate damage from this or any other anticipated event and shall be paid out only in an amount specified by warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or the Governor's designee.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor and her Authorized Representative and to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as may be appropriate.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Adjutant General to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support

to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, §§ 20-1-1 through 20-1-8, NMSA 1978, §§ 20-2-1 through 20-2-8, and NMSA 1978, §§ 20-4-1 through 20-4-14. Such emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER DIRECT all Cabinet Departments and agencies of the State of New Mexico to provide any assistance that may be required by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 22 DAY OF APRIL 2019

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

