



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-014

### DECLARING A DISASTER IN RIO ARRIBA AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES DUE TO FLOODING AND SEVERE STORMS

WHEREAS, a storm system caused flooding, hail, and multiple severe storm events in several areas of the State beginning on July 30, 2018 and lasting through August 2, 2018;

WHEREAS, the heavy rainfall, hail damage, and mudslides overwhelmed the drainage systems of the affected counties, causing extensive damages to homes, vehicles, livestock, structures, and public infrastructure in these areas and forced the affected jurisdictions to declare states of emergency;

WHEREAS, the counties of Rio Arriba and Sandoval have requested the State to provide them and any other recipients within their jurisdiction whatever disaster assistance funding and technical expertise may be available;

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 actions 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 Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties due to the damage from the July 30, 2018 through August 2, 2018 storms described above.

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed two million five-hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) 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/or the Governor's 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 done pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 20-1- 1 through 20-1-8, 20-2-1 through 20-2-8, and 20-4-1 through 20-4-14. 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 the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:

*Maggie Toulouse Oliver*

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019

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

*Michelle Lujan Grisham*

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

