EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-016

STATE EMERGENCY AND DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, emergencies and disasters can occur without warning;

WHEREAS, emergencies and disasters may occur where the resources of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are immediately needed to support civil emergency and disaster relief;

WHEREAS, such support must be immediately available and deployable to assist affected New Mexicans;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management must receive emergency and disaster prior to any such event to assure rapid response and unhindered deployment of necessary assets in times of need; and,

WHEREAS, without additional emergency financial resources from the State, action necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare may not be undertaken in a timely fashion due to a lack of funding.

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 an emergency situation exists.

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I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency and disaster relief funds in an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 through 12-11-25, and 12-10-14 through 12-10-15. Funds shall be expended for the purpose of avoiding or minimizing economic and physical harm; protecting the public health, safety, and welfare; and providing emergency and disaster relief, including but not limited to matching funds for federal fire and disaster grants, disaster threat mitigation, emergency operations center activation, emergency response, the state disaster assistance program (DAP), and State obligations pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The funds shall be expended in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as approved by the Governor’s Authorized Representative, and the funds shall be paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or 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
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2019

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
GOVERNOR