



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2019-033

DESIGNATING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AS THE SPONSOR OF THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD'S LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM, DIRECTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL TO DEVELOP POLICIES FOR THE PROVISION OF LIFE INSURANCE, AND RESCINDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 2017-003

WHEREAS, it is critical to ensure that members of the New Mexico National Guard, who have volunteered to put themselves in harm's way and protect our State and the United States, have access to low-cost life insurance options in addition to the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance Program currently offered to all service members;

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has provided in 37 U.S.C. § 707 that the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force may allow a member of the National Guard to make allotments from his or her pay for the payment of premiums under a group life insurance program sponsored by the military department of the State in which such member holds his or her National Guard membership;

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Defense has provided by regulation, Section 3-209 of the Department of Defense Directive 5500.07-R, that group life insurance programs sponsored by a state military department which are offered to the same extent and in a similar manner to the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance program do not violate ethical prohibitions on endorsements of non-Federal entities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2017-003 previously created such a program and designated the New Mexico National Guard Association as the designated provider of state-sponsored life

insurance products offered through insurers licensed to transact business in New Mexico for military members and dependents of the New Mexico National Guard.

NOW THEREFORE I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico hereby designate the New Mexico Department of Military Affairs, through the Adjutant General, as the official departmental sponsor of the New Mexico National Guard's state-sponsored life insurance program.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Adjutant General of the New Mexico Department of Military Affairs to promulgate any needed policies and procedures for the provision of any state-sponsored life insurance products offered through insurers licensed to transact business in New Mexico for members of the New Mexico National Guard and their dependents. The Department of Military Affairs shall also facilitate and coordinate allotments with the appropriate United States Property and Fiscal Office. These actions are pursuant to and in accord with NMSA 1978, Sections 20-1-4 (D), 20-1-5(A) and (E) and 20-1-6.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations or directives in conflict. Therefore, Executive Order 2017-003 is hereby RESCINDED. This 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 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2019

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

