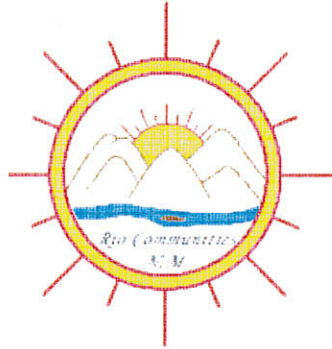


*Office of the Mayor
City of Rio Communities, New Mexico*



EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Rio Communities Council met at a duly noticed and advertised meeting on March 30, 2020, at 10:00 AM in the City of Rio Communities Council Chambers located at 360 Rio Communities Blvd Rio Communities, NM 87002; And,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 3-17-1 provided that The Governing Body of a municipality may adopt ordinances or resolutions not inconsistent with the laws of New Mexico for the purpose of: effecting or discharging the powers and duties conferred by law upon the municipality; providing for the safety, preserving the health, promoting the prosperity and improving the morals, order, comfort and convenience of the municipality and its inhabitants: and,

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19, was detected in Wuhan, China; and,

WHEREAS, symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and can range from mild to severe illness; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization Director General declared the outbreak of COVID-19, as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising countries to prepare for the contaminant, detection, isolation and case management, contact tracing and prevention of onward spread of the disease; and,

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is closely monitoring the growing number of COVID-19 cases that have spread into the United States; and,

WHEREAS, over 85,356 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in the United States, 136 of which are in New Mexico, with 1,246 deaths nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and,

WHEREAS, the continued worldwide spread of COVID-19 presents an imminent threat of widespread illness, which requires emergency action; and,

WHEREAS, a declaration of local disaster and public health emergency includes the ability to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to disease, control the risk, prevent the spread of the disease and promote the health and safety of individuals in the City of Rio Communities; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Rio Communities will work collaboratively with Valencia County, Belen, Peralta, Los Lunas, Bosque Farms and the local schools, to ensure that all appropriate and necessary measures are taken to limit the development, contraction, and spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, by this declaration, The City Council declares all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat suspended for the duration of this incident; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted pursuant to the All Hazards Emergency Management Act, NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-1 et seq., and particularly NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-5 (2007), the Council authorizes the use of all available resources of the City to assist in the response to this situation.

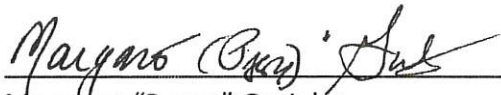
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES COUNCIL.

1. The a state of disaster based on public health emergency is declared for the City of Rio Communities pursuant to the All Hazards Emergency Management Act, NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-1, et seq. (2007), effective March 11, 2020, i.e., the date the Governor declared New Mexico a public health emergency.
2. Pursuant to the All Hazards Emergency Management Ace, the state of local disaster and public health emergency shall continue for a period of not more than sixty (60) days from the date of the declaration, unless the continued or renewed by the City Council
3. This declaration of local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and filed promptly with the Municipal Clerk.
4. Pursuant to the All Hazards Emergency Management Act, the Council authorizes the Mayor Pro Tem and the Emergency Manager to enter into the mutual aid agreements for

reciprocal emergency management aid and assistance during this public health emergency.

5. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 3-18-1, The City may take such actions to protect generally the property of the Municipality and its inhabitants.
6. This declaration shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DULY PROCLAIMED, ADOPTED AND PASSED on this 30TH day of MARCH 2020.



Margaret "Peggy" Gutjahr
Mayor Pro tem

ATTEST:





Elizabeth (Lisa) Adair
Municipal Clerk