RESOLUTION NO. 3016-2020

A RESOLUTION DECLARING A HEALTH CARE EMERGENCY FOR
THE CITY OF CLOVIS

WHEREAS: on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced the emergency of a novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (referred to as “COVID-19”) that had not previously circulated in humans, but has been found to have adapted to humans such that it is contagious and easily spread from one person to another and one country to another; and

WHEREAS: on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary declared a public health emergency as a precautionary tool to facilitate preparation and availability of resources to assure that the federal government had appropriate resources to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our nation through its support of state and community-led preparedness and response efforts; and

WHEREAS: on March 11, 2020, the New Mexico Department of Health confirmed four cases of individuals infected with COVID-19 in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS: on March 11, 2020, Michelle Lujan Grisham, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, declared in Executive Order 2020-004 (“EO 2020-004”) that a Public Health Emergency exists in New Mexico under Public Health Emergency Response Act, and invoked the All Hazards Emergency Management Act by directing all cabinets, departments and agencies to comply with the directives of the declaration and the further instructions of the Department of Health; and

WHEREAS: the further spread of COVID-19 in the State of New Mexico poses a threat to the health, safety, wellbeing and property of the residents in City of Clovis due to among other things, illness from COVID-19, illness-related absenteeism from employment (particularly public safety and law enforcement personnel and persons engaged in activities and businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the City), and the closure of schools or other places of public gathering; and
WHEREAS: on March 13, 2020, in response to the further spread of COVID-19 in the City exigent threat towards lives, property, and the public health and safety in the City, it is necessary to declare a health emergency; and

WHEREAS: City of Clovis Ordinance Section 2.52.010, There is established a department of the City of Clovis and the County of Curry, in accordance with the state Civil Emergency Preparedness Act, Sections 12-10-1 through 12-10-10, NMSA 1978, the department of emergency management.

WHEREAS, Clovis/Curry County Emergency Operations Center, is coordinating resources across local and state government to support the County and local officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and business, and is assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the virus with the State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico and the City of Clovis significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of City of Clovis, and is a public disaster that affects life, health, property or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the City of Clovis Commissioners of Curry County, by virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-11), we do hereby declare the City of Clovis County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico; and

City agencies and departments are directed to utilize city resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond and recover from the outbreak; and

As a result of this event, it is the responsibility of City of Clovis officials to control City resources and manage and coordinate those resources for the control of spread of the COVID-19 and maintain public health; and
Due to the nature of this public health emergency, the City Manager may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and remote-work for all employees during the period of this emergency.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2020.

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Mayor

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(ATTEST)

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City Clerk