



**SOCORRO COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION № 2019-01**

**DECLARING A DISASTER IN THE COUNTY OF SOCORRO FOR THE SEVERE FLOODING
EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 14TH – 16TH AND 28TH – 29TH, 2019**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 08, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Socorro County Annex Building, 198 Neel Ave., Socorro, New Mexico; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 4-38-1 (1884) the powers of a county as a body politic and corporate shall be exercised by a board of county commissioners; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978 Section 4-37-1 (1975) recognizes that the County is granted “the same powers that are granted municipalities except for those powers that are inconsistent with statutory or constitutional limitations placed on counties. Included in this grant of powers to the counties are those powers necessary and proper to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants,” and,

WHEREAS, beginning on the late afternoon of Saturday, September 14th, 2019 and going through Monday, September 16th, 2019 major thunderstorms moved through the Northern portion of Socorro County, with recorded amounts of 2 to 2.5 inches of rain falling, causing flash flooding in the Bernardo area, Veguita area and areas on the Alamo Reservation in Northwestern Socorro County; and,

WHEREAS, beginning in the late evening of Saturday, September 28th, 2019 and going through Sunday, September 29th, 2019 major thunderstorms moved through the Northwestern portion of Socorro County, producing heavy rainfall causing flash flooding again on the Alamo Reservation in Northwestern Socorro County; and,

WHEREAS, the flash flooding that occurred in the Bernardo and Veguita area during the September 14th through September 16th, 2019 storms, flooded and washed out El Centro Road causing it to become impassable and the large amount of water rushing down from the mesa above deposited a large amount sandy silt on the roadway and caused problems with the culverts located on the roadway; and,

WHEREAS, the flash flooding that occurred on the Alamo Reservation during the September 14th through September 16th storms, caused extensive damage to three roads. Chavez Road, the UFO Road and the Three Tanks Road were severely damaged in several locations. The damage consisted of new chip seal work being washed away and down the arroyos, culverts being heavily damaged and washed down the arroyos. Roads have been closed and Bus Routes impacted; and,

WHEREAS, the flash flooding that occurred on the Alamo Reservation during the September 28th through September 29th storm, caused extensive damage to the Pipe Springs Road. The damage consisted of chip seal work being washed away and down the arroyos, culverts being heavily damaged and washed down the arroyos. This is a Bus Routes and two schools are impacted; and,


WHEREAS, the damage has resulted in undue human suffering and hardship and threats the safety, health welfare, and wellbeing of citizens and the economic function of the County of Socorro; and,

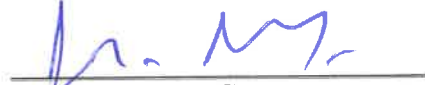
WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources and forces available to mitigate and alleviate the damage are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, initiate repairs and meet restoration requirements; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Socorro County by virtue of the County's general power and the authority provided by the New Mexico Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-01 to 12-10-11) do hereby declare the San Antonio area of the County of Socorro to be an emergency/disaster area for the purposes of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs, and funds from the State of New Mexico and the Government of the United States.


APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 8th day of October 2019.


MARTH SALAS, CHAIR
DISTRICT II


MANUEL ANAYA, VICE-CHAIR
DISTRICT III


JOE GONZALES, COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT I

not present to sign
GLEN DUGGINS, COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT IV


ANTONIO RAY MARTINEZ, COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT V

ATTEST BY:


BETTY SAAVEDRA, COUNTY CLERK

