

HARDING COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ADMINISTRATIVE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-35

1 A RESOLUTION DECLARING HARDING COUNTY TO BE AN EMERGENCY AREA
2 AS A RESULT OF COVID-19

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4 WHEREAS, at least THIRTEEN New Mexicans have tested presumptively positive for
5 the novel coronavirus, COVID-19;

6 WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death,
7 is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been
8 previously identified in humans and can spread via droplets from person to person; and

9 WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency
10 Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a “Pandemic”; and

11 WHEREAS, The CDC currently indicates there are 118,322 confirmed cases of COVID-
12 19 worldwide with 938 of those cases in the United States, and New Mexico State Department of
13 Health has now confirmed travel related spread of COVID-19 in New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed a public
15 health emergency and invoked all powers under the All Hazard Emergency Act, NMSA 1978, §§
16 12-10-1 through 12-10-10, for a minimum period of thirty (30) days;

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners, the
22 governing body of the County of Harding, that:

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BY Dallas Baker

- 1 1. By virtue of the authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard
- 2 Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-11), we do hereby
- 3 declare Harding County to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the
- 4 purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available
- 5 resources, and requesting aid, assistance, and relief programs and funds available
- 6 from the State of New Mexico; and
- 7 2. County agencies and departments are directed to utilize county resources and to do
- 8 everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to
- 9 respond to and recover from the outbreak; and,
- 10 3. As a result of this event, it is the responsibility of Harding County officials to control
- 11 County resources and manage and coordinate those resources for the control of spread
- 12 of COVID-19 and maintain public health; and,
- 13 4. The County Manager may implement all necessary and proper measures to allow for
- 14 flexibility of time and location of work, including for offsite and telecommuting for
- 15 all employees during the period of this emergency.
- 16 5. Therefore, a copy of this Resolution shall be shared for informative purpose, with all
- 17 Counties, in the State of New Mexico.

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20 DONE this 16 day of March, 2020.

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22 **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

23 Michael E. Lewis
24 Michael E. Lewis, Chair

25 Pedro Laumbach
26 Pedro Laumbach, Vice Chair

27 Pablo Trujillo
28 Pablo Trujillo, Member

29 **ATTEST:**

30 Carla J. Garrison

31 Carla J. Garrison, County Clerk
32 Chief Deputy Clerk

