



**CIBOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 2024-39**

DECLARING A DISASTER IN THE COUNTY OF CIBOLA

WHEREAS, the Cibola County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of an emergency meeting, duly published, at the Cibola County Administrative Offices, 700 East Roosevelt, Grants, NM 87030, on June 25, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, NMSA 1978, Section 4-37-1 (1995) provides that Counties have the power 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, on June 21, 2024, at 1634 hours, a flood event began due to a copious amount of rain, affecting several homes, vehicles, and transportation roadways (bridges and roads) throughout Cibola County; and,

WHEREAS, heavy rainfall in Cibola County has resulted in widespread flooding in many areas of the County, resulting in significant damage to both public and private property; and,

WHEREAS, the Cibola County Emergency Manager has reported numerous instances of flooding throughout the County, particularly impacting the areas of Bluewater, Milan, Grants, Cubero, and Lobo Canyon; and,

WHEREAS, most low water crossings in the County are reported to be flooding; and,

WHEREAS, the flooding has resulted in undue human suffering and hardship and threatens the safety, health, welfare, and well-being of the citizens and local economy of the County of Cibola; and,

WHEREAS, anticipated weather forecasts indicate more rain starting tomorrow, potentially exacerbating the current flooding situation; and,

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this disaster have been insufficient to meet the needs of the situation, make repairs, and protect public safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Cibola County Board of Commissioners, by virtue of the authority provided by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NMSA 1978, 12-10-1 to 12-10-10 (1959, as amended through 2022), do hereby declare the County of Cibola to be in a state of Emergency and Disaster for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers, expending local resources, and requesting aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding that may be available from the State of New Mexico.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 25th day of June 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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