

RESOLUTION 20-18
DECLARING THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO AN EMERGENCY AREA
AS A RESULT OF COVID-19

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

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary declared a public health emergency 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, 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, on March 13, 2020, Donald Trump, the President of the United States, issued a proclamation declaring a national emergency concerning COVID-19; and

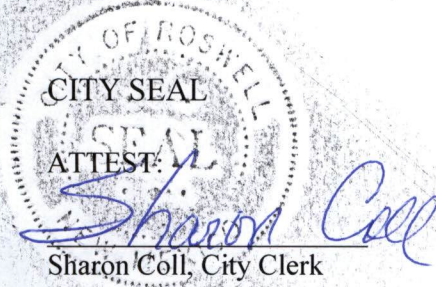
WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout New Mexico and the City of Roswell significantly impacts the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of the City of Roswell, and is a public disaster that affects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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, that:

1. By virtue of the authority provided by NMSA 1978, § 3-18-1 and generally Chapter 3 of New Mexico Statutes, and by the New Mexico All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 12-10-1 to 12-10-10, do hereby declare the City of Roswell to be an emergency area as a result of COVID-19 for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers, for expending local resources, and for requesting aid, assistance, relief programs, and funding that may be available from the State of New Mexico or any other available funding sources.
2. City departments are directed to utilize resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected areas in an effort to respond to and recover from the outbreak.

3. The City Manager or Mayor, as may be appropriate, is hereby authorized to enter into any agreements or exercise any powers to accomplish the goals set out in this Resolution.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED and APPROVED the 26th day of March 2020.



Dennis Kintigh

Dennis Kintigh, Mayor