

**VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO
RESOLUTION 2020-17**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN
THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially declared there to be a global pandemic of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Mexico has declared a State of Emergency in order to contain and combat the virus; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Health Secretary has issued a public health order suspending mass gatherings in New Mexico effective immediately in order to prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has officially declared a state of health emergency with regards to the national COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has advised that local governments should take immediate action to limit the spread of the virus through social distancing, cancellation of public meetings, limiting public gatherings and events, and implementing additional public health safety and education measures to prevent, contain and, where possible, to mitigate the impact of the virus; and

WHEREAS, cases of the virus in New Mexico have been confirmed and continue to increase and are growing closer to the Village of Ruidoso, now being as close as Dona Ana County, Chavez County, and Socorro County; and

WHEREAS, national and state health experts now believe that the spread of the virus throughout the country appears to be inevitable at this point; and

WHEREAS, the Village has complied with the state requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for the posting and notification of an emergency meeting of the Village Council during a declared state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Ruidoso is eligible to file for emergency financial resources related to the time spent and supplies used during this medical emergency event; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has passed the Federal Emergency Leave Act.

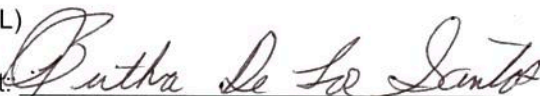
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF RUIDOSO that under the laws of New Mexico Civil Preparation Act do declare a state of emergency for the Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico for the purpose of exercising necessary emergency powers, for requesting aid, expending local resources, and requesting State assistance.

1. That, consistent with the declarations of the WHO, the federal government, and the Governor of the State of New Mexico, a Disaster Declaration of a Health Emergency is hereby established by the Council for and in the Village of Ruidoso.
2. The Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and Village Manager to conduct such emergency measures as may be appropriate to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of both our residents and visitors.
3. Consistent with the state requirements under the Open Public Meetings Act and all other applicable regulations and statutes for both an emergency meeting and the declaration of a state of emergency by a local government, the Clerk and Attorney shall provide to the required offices notice of this meeting, the actions of the governing body, and make available said notice and actions to the public upon request.
4. Provide eighty (80) hours of Emergency Leave to full-time employees in accordance with the Federal Emergency Leave Act. To be used in accordance with the Village of Ruidoso Administrative Regulation 2020-007.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of March 2020.

(SEAL)

Attest:


Bertha De Los Santos, Deputy Village Clerk




Lynn D. Crawford, Mayor