

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-20

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDERS OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CABINET SECRETARY AND TO ENCOURAGE ADHERENCE THERETO BY THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY

Sponsored by Councilor Cynthia Ann Bettison

WHEREAS, New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, on March 11, 2020, issued an Executive Order declaring a state of public health emergency and invoked her executive powers as authorized by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act and the Emergency Licensing Act in response to the declared pandemic of the Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19, or Virus); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City in Resolution No. 2020-11, dated March 27, 2020, and in support of the Governor's and New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary's Orders, issued its own "Declaration of a Public Health Emergency For The Town of Silver City"; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Governor and the New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary has amended or modified certain of their Orders in response to the variability of the effects of the Virus on the people of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, the number of infected persons in the State has dramatically increased, resulting in devastating health conditions and deaths among the people of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the number of viral infections affecting the people of Grant County and the Town of Silver City has progressively increased to impose a heightened danger to all, including children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that there are some within our community who have been ill-informed of or have purposely chosen not to follow the Governor's and the New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary's Orders with regard to the wearing of facial coverings, hand washing, and social distancing; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Town Council to erase any ambiguity of the Council's position that the Governor's and the New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary's Orders regarding facial coverings, hand washing, and social distancing are mandatory unless otherwise ruled by the State of New Mexico Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council strongly urges its citizens and inhabitants to comply with the mentioned Orders, and to wear facial coverings when in public, to maintain social distancing, and to wash hands and take other hygienic actions designed to minimize the opportunities for spreading the disease;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY:

1. Affirms its strong support for the Executive Orders of the Governor of New Mexico and the Public Health Orders of the New Mexico Department of Health Cabinet Secretary with regard to the mandatory wearing of facial covering, social distancing, hand washing, and other Orders designed to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 disease.
2. Strongly encourages the people of Silver City to educate themselves as to the best practices to slow the infection rate of the disease, and to follow the mentioned Orders of the Governor and Department of Health Cabinet Secretary, all for the benefit of the health, safety, and welfare of the Town and its inhabitants.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2020.



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Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ann L. Mackie", written over a horizontal line.

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk