CURRY COUNTY RESOLUTION #2019-94
Declaration of Disaster in Curry County

WHEREAS, an intense and strong storm system inundated Curry County, during the period from October 1st through October 3, 2019 causing severe damage County wide and bringing in excess of 7.0 inches of precipitation to Curry County. During this period, Curry County has exceeded its available funding and other resources; and

WHEREAS, said storms drenched the already saturated ground causing extensive damage to numerous Curry County roads; and

WHEREAS, numerous County roads were flooded and washed away and other County roads sustained extensive damage; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused to Curry County roads has overwhelmed available County resources is widespread and far exceeds the County's financial ability to fix the same. A great portion of the damage is in rural areas and most of these roads need to be repaired as quickly as possible as they are the only means of access by individuals to their property and for school busses picking up and returning children, and emergency and first responders; and

WHEREAS, County equipment and personnel are overwhelmed and cannot maintain or repair existing or newly damaged roads; and

WHEREAS, the damage to the Curry County roads has resulted in undue hardship and has created an immediate threat to the safety, health, welfare, and well-being of the citizens, has impacted the economic function of Curry County and will continue to do so unless Curry County obtains additional financial assistance to promptly work on and repair the same; and

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources and forces committed to mitigate and alleviate the damage have been overwhelmed and are deemed insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, initiate repairs, and meet restoration requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Curry County, acting pursuant to the New Mexico Civil Emergency Preparedness Act (*NMSA 1978*, I2-10-I to 12-10-11, as a result of the damage to County roads, concern for further damage and additional hardship do, by this Resolution hereby declare Curry County a disaster area for the purposes of exercising necessary emergency powers and expenditure of available resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Curry County that the damages and hardships that Curry County has sustained and suffered are to the extent that Curry County is in need of and is requesting immediate aid, assistance and relief programs and funds available from the State of New Mexico and/or federal funds which may be available to the State of New Mexico.

RESOLVED this 3rd day of December, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CURRY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

(SEAL)

Chet Spear, Chairman

Robert Thornton, Vice Chairperson

Ben McDaniel, Member

Seth Martin, Member

Absent
Robert Sandoval, Member

ATTEST:

Annie Hogland, Curry County Clerk