



**SIERRA COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION № 110-111**

**DECLARING A DISASTER IN THE COUNTY OF SIERRA RELATED TO FLOODING
CAUSED BY SUBSTANTIAL RAIN-FALL**

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Board of Commissioners met upon notice of a special/emergency meeting, duly published, at the Sierra County Administrative Offices, 1712 N. Date Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 87901, on September 20, 2022; 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, substantial rainfall since late August 2022 has resulted in widespread flooding in many areas of Sierra County, resulting in significant damage to both public and private property; and

WHEREAS, the damage to public roadways further poses a risk to public safety both for the provision of emergency medical care, law enforcement access, public access to critical care services such as hospitals and medical providers, limiting access to food and other items necessary for day-to-day life and engage in necessary daily activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Sierra County Emergency Manager has reported numerous instances of flooding throughout the County, including damaged roadways, low water crossings, and inhibiting access to public and private property; and

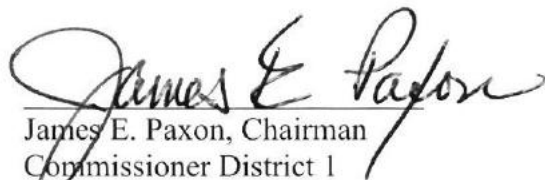
WHEREAS, the flooding has resulted in undue human suffering and hardship and threatens the safety, health, welfare, and well-being of the citizens and local economy of the County of Sierra; and,


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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the Sierra 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 though 2022), do hereby declare the County of Sierra to be a state of Emergency and Disaster 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.


APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED on this 20th day of September 2022.

**Board of County Commissioners
Sierra County, New Mexico**


James E. Paxon, Chairman
Commissioner District 1


Travis Day, Vice Chairman
Commissioner District 2


Hank Hopkins
Commissioner District 3

ATTEST:

Shelly K. Trujillo
Sierra County Clerk

