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**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CABINET SECRETARY PATRICK M. ALLEN**

March 31, 2023

**Final Order Rescinding and Withdrawing All Department of Health
Public Health Orders Related to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

PREFACE

The purpose of this Public Health Order is to formally rescind and withdraw all Public Health Orders issued by the New Mexico Department of Health (“DOH”) to control and manage the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) in the State of New Mexico.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, because of the spread of COVID-19, Michelle Lujan Grisham, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, issued an Executive Order declaring that a Public Health Emergency existed in New Mexico under the Public Health Emergency Response Act, and invoked her authority under the All-Hazard Emergency Management Act;

WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham renewed the declaration of a Public Health Emergency on a continuous basis for a span of three years until formally ending the Executive Order Declaration on March 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States rose to more than 106 million and confirmed COVID-19 infections in New Mexico rose to over 679,000;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 took the lives of over 1,159,000 Americans, which included 9,200 New Mexicans;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 no longer poses a significant ongoing threat to the health of New Mexicans and we now have effective tools and practices to minimize the spread of COVID-19, such as COVID vaccination, home-based COVID testing, COVID therapeutic treatment for those who test positive, more robust and community-specific data reporting to guide individuals and communities; and the effectiveness of these new tools and practices warrant rescinding all COVID-19-related Public Health Orders that were previously necessary to control the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick M. Allen, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby declare that the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has concluded, and all emergency actions, mandates and directives directed by Public Health Order are no longer necessary to protect public health and are hereby rescinded.

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ORDER

I HEREBY DIRECT AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) All Public Health Emergency Orders adopted by the Department of Health in relation to the COVID-19 public health emergency are hereby rescinded.
- (2) All other current guidance documents and advisories issued by the Department of Health through its normal communications with the public shall be guiding and shall remain in effect.

SIGNED THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 2023

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



PATRICK M. ALLEN
CABINET SECRETARY OF THE
NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH