

**PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR  
WITH REGARD TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

**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 Corona Virus 19 (COVID-19, or Virus); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Silver City in Resolution 2020-11, dated March 27, 2020 issued its own Declaration of a Public Health Emergency For The Town of Silver City, which declared, in part, that the Town had become an emergency area as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the issuance of Resolution 2020-11 mandated that the “Town of Silver City departments are directed to utilize Town resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected areas of the Town in an effort to respond to and recover from the (virus) outbreak”; and

**WHEREAS**, since the time of that Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, the infection rate affecting residents of Grant County has progressively increased, thus presenting the community of the Town and its neighbors with the likelihood of many more infections and the likelihood of serious harm or even death as a result of this assault on our lives and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the success at minimizing the potential loss of life and averting the long-term consequences to the health of our community depends, at this time, more on the cooperation and unity of the community than on an approach of harsh law enforcement;

**IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY THAT:**

1. All persons in Silver City and of the community of Grant County are hereby made aware that their exists in our community a deadly COVID-19 pandemic, and that wearing appropriate face covering, washing hands, and social distancing are accepted practices to lessen the transmission of the disease; and
2. That the inhabitants of the Town shall be conscious of those of our community who are at greater risk of death or serious harm from this disease, and that adopting behavior which will likely protect themselves and their neighbors is proof of civic responsibility, and represents true American patriotism; and
3. That each citizen is hereby charged with educating those who have not yet awakened to the danger that surrounds us, with compassion and understanding.
4. Although it is accepted that there are many conflicting perspectives as to social and political issues, it is also accepted that the well-being and survival of the elderly, the children, and the weakest inhabitants of our community should be preminent amongst our concerns.

5. It is strongly urged that all persons of the Town of Silver City should commit to protecting the weakest and most vulnerable among us, especially the elders and the children, by adopting habits of mask wearing, social distancing, and good hygiene. Teaching by example is usually most effective; and

6. That voluntary acts of kindness and generosity are treasured by all religions, political parties, and communities, and should be freely expressed by all during this time of danger.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I, Ken Ladner, Mayor of the Town of Silver City, do hereby proclaim and have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 20th day of July, 2020.



  
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Ken Ladner, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk