State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-160

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO THE NEW WORLD SCREWWORM AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD

WHEREAS, the New World Screwworm (*Cochliomyia hominivorax*), a parasitic fly that infests warm-blooded animals and humans, has spread from Texas and northern Mexico to the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, at least thirty-seven cases have been identified in nine New Mexico counties thus far;

WHEREAS, this pest poses a grave threat to livestock, pets, wildlife, and human health, and has the potential to inflict severe economic losses upon New Mexico's agricultural and ranching industries;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Livestock Board has declared the New World Screwworm to be of significant economic impact;

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to prevent further spread of the infestation and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of New Mexico, as well as to safeguard the State's critical livestock and wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS, this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic and physical harm and to take

actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** a state of emergency to exist, and **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall make available additional emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($750,000.00) to the New Mexico Livestock Board in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Section 77-3-1. Such funds shall be expended for the purposes of avoiding or minimizing economic and physical harm; protecting the public health, safety, and welfare; and providing emergency and disaster relief, including but not limited to the payment of any expense incident to the provision of humanitarian relief and other assistance to civil authorities. Such funds shall be paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor, or an agent or agency designated by her for that purpose.

2. The New Mexico Livestock Board shall coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor or her Authorized Representative. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor or her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State for necessary action taken in response to the emergency shall be required to demonstrate that the cost of the necessary action exceeds their available resources, as determined based upon criteria developed in conjunction with the State agencies, if any, with financial and budgetary oversight responsibilities for the applicant.

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3. The Adjutant General shall order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 20-1-1 to -8, NMSA 1978, Sections 20-2-1 to -8, and NMSA 1978, Sections 20-4-1 to -14. Such emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor or her Authorized Representative.

4. All Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control shall provide any assistance that may be required by the New Mexico Livestock Board under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER ORDER and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until all authorized funds are expended or no longer necessary to provide emergency assistance.

ATTEST:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham

MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

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