



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

April 9, 2025

HOUSE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 15

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The Honorable Javier Martínez, Speaker of the House and
Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Honorable Speaker Martínez and Members of the House:

Pursuant to my authority under Article IV, Section 22 of the New Mexico Constitution, I have signed HOUSE BILL 172 (“HB 172”), enacted by the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Session, 2025. As someone who grew up in New Mexico, I understand the cultural significance of chile. I also recognize the crop’s contributions to New Mexico’s agricultural economy; the value of chile production in 2023 was estimated at \$41.4 million. While I appreciate the sponsors’ intent to promote New Mexico’s signature agricultural product, HB 172 does nothing to address the most pressing needs of the agricultural community. I implore farmers and ranchers to work with my Administration to develop a substantive agricultural legislative package for next year’s session that responds to the industry’s most notable stressors, which include land, water, workforce and more.

Respectfully yours,

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

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Time: 6:01 a.m. p.m.
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By Secretary of State

Time: 8:10 a.m.
Date: April 10, 2025

By Susan M. Ortiz McAtee
Chief Clerk of the House