



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

***WHEREAS,** President Trump recently signed into law a budget bill that will significantly cut federal funding to many vital programs;*

***WHEREAS,** health care service providers in rural parts of New Mexico are disproportionately impacted by the federal funding cuts, straining their already stretched ability to provide health care and behavioral health services to those communities;*

***WHEREAS,** federal funding cuts will lead to the expiration of certain federal tax credits which will result in increased health care premium costs for many working families in New Mexico;*

***WHEREAS,** federal funding cuts to programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, public broadcasting, and Medicaid will prevent New Mexicans from obtaining needed resources such as health care and aging services, decrease public awareness of important events, impact funding for education and infrastructure, and contribute to food insecurity;*

***WHEREAS,** the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the public health agencies under his control promulgate vaccine recommendations that jeopardize the lives of New Mexicans;*

***WHEREAS,** the Western New Mexico University Board of Regents resigned just before the beginning of the last legislative session, leaving the Legislature with insufficient time to confirm all of their replacements;*

***WHEREAS,** courts in New Mexico, particularly those in our largest cities, are inundated with requests to determine the competency and behavioral health needs of parties;*

***WHEREAS,** New Mexico has recently experienced an unprecedented amount of natural disasters, which have required emergency appropriations that have depleted the Appropriation Contingency Fund;*

***WHEREAS,** the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department requires supplemental funding to ensure it can continue to properly regulate businesses and professionals across the State;*

***WHEREAS,** New Mexico may enter into an interstate medical licensing compact during the next legislative session in order to increase access to healthcare professionals, which will require advanced planning and preparation; and*

***WHEREAS,** it is necessary for the New Mexico State Legislature to convene at the State Capitol Building to address these pressing issues.*

***NOW THEREFORE,** I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 6 of the New Mexico Constitution, do hereby issue this proclamation and call the Fifty-Seventh Legislature of the State of New Mexico into a Special Session at twelve o'clock p.m. on Wednesday October 1, 2025, at the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe. In accordance with Article IV, Section 6, this Special Session is called for the purpose of considering and enacting legislation concerning the following objects and no others: (1) amending the Rural Health Care Delivery Fund to allow for grants to health care providers and facilities in high-needs geographic health professional shortage areas and stabilize the provision of existing health care services; (2) adjusting*

eligibility requirements for participating in the New Mexico health insurance exchange; (3) requiring rules for the immunization of children attending schools to be based on the recommendations of the New Mexico Department of Health, allowing the Department of Health to set vaccination standards for adults, and requiring vaccines purchased pursuant to the statewide vaccine purchasing program to be recommended by the Department of Health; (4) appropriating funds in response to recent federal budget cuts; (5) confirming regents to the Western New Mexico University Board of Regents; (6) amending competency laws to allow metropolitan courts to determine competency; (7) appropriating funds to the Administrative Office of the Courts for a competency pilot program and behavioral health support for parties in legal proceedings; (8) transferring funds into the Appropriation Contingency Fund; (9) appropriating funds to supplement the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department's budget; (10) appropriating funds to study and prepare for the implementation of any interstate medical licensing compact; and (11) appropriating funds for the expenses of the Fifty-Seventh Legislature, First Special Session, 2025.

Attest:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver

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Secretary of State

Done at the Executive Office this
30th day of September 2025.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
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Governor

