



## **CITY OF SANTA FE**

### **PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY – CIVIL UNREST**

**January 15, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, violent insurrectionists forced entry into the U.S. Capitol, where they physically threatened the safety of lawmakers and staff and destroyed national property;

**WHEREAS**, the illegal entry resulted in multiple deaths and many injuries;

**WHEREAS**, the entry also threatened the work of our nation's leaders to accomplish their constitutionally required duties to certify the national election for the President of the United States;

**WHEREAS**, members of the same groups who illegally forced entry into the U.S. Capitol are planning armed protests on or before January 20, 2021 at state capitols, including the Roundhouse, the State Capitol Building in Santa Fe, coinciding with the inauguration of President-Elect Joseph R. Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris;

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico's legislative session begins on January 19, 2021, the day before the inauguration;

**WHEREAS**, due to the threat of riots and insurrection locally, the Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, declared an emergency on January 13, 2021, directing the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to coordinate the State's response and to seek appropriate federal aid; the Adjutant General to order into services the New Mexico National guard to provide military support to civil authorities; and State leadership to provide assistance to the DHSEM and State Emergency Operations Center;

**WHEREAS**, based on information known to the City, the planned armed protests pose a threat of violence and destructive conduct, placing Santa Fe residents and property at risk;

**WHEREAS**, the City continues to be in the midst of a public health emergency due to COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SFCC 1987, Section 2-1.3, Powers and Duties of the Mayor, the Mayor has, within the City limits, the power conferred on the sheriffs of counties to suppress disorders and keep the peace;

**WHEREAS**, the City's Emergency Declaration Ordinance, Section 20-1, authorizes the Mayor to proclaim that a state of emergency exists in the City, after consultation with the emergency manager, chief of police, and/or fire chief, prohibiting and/or requiring certain actions to protect life and property and preserve public peace and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Code, Section 2-16, recognizes "emergency" to include terrorist threats, civil unrest, and any other occurrence requiring an emergency response, or any other condition that warrants action to protect life, property, or the environment.

**THEREFORE, I, ALAN M. WEBBER**, Mayor of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, hereby declare, that an emergency exists risking danger of injury or damage to persons and property within the City. I hereby invoke all Section 2-1.3, and Sections 20-1.2 through 20-1.5 of the Santa Fe City Code of 1987, to preserve the peace and order in the City of Santa Fe.

In particular, I take the following actions:

**I. Emergency Orders**

- a. The City Manager shall collaborate with the City's leadership to ensure coordination with the State's emergency response efforts, including road closures, police and fire emergency response coordination, and parking availability;
- b. The City shall monitor and document expenditures associated with the emergency in order to seek reimbursement if available;

- c. City employees not involved in in-person support of the public emergency shall reduce presence to the greatest extent possible in the downtown areas identified as at risk by State and local emergency response officials, including but not limited to City Hall, downtown parking, and downtown parks; and
- d. The Transit Division shall follow street closure protocols in relevant areas.

## **II. Calls on the Public**

I call on members of the public to take the following actions:

- a. Protect and respect life, property, peace, and liberties of the people of Santa Fe;
- b. Maintain civil liberties;
- c. Demonstrate respect and restraint;
- d. Engage in reflection regarding how to come to common understandings as a community and protect and preserve our democracy and government.

## **III. Effective Date**

I hereby declare that this Proclamation will become effective upon my signature and order the City Manager to disseminate the contents hereof to the public by appropriate news media and any other means at her disposal.

## **IV. Term.**

This Proclamation of Emergency shall last three (3) days and may be extended for such additional periods of time as determined necessary by Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 15 day of January, 2021 at the hour of 6:33 o'clock P.M. (MDT).**



ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR  
City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

ATTEST:

*Kristine Mihelcic*

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KRISTINE MIHELICIC, CITY CLERK  
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