RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1807

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SAN JUAN COUNTY’S EMERGENCY DECLARATION REGARDING EXCEPTIONAL DROUGHT CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, since 2000, the Colorado River Basin (which includes San Juan County and City of Farmington) has been experiencing a historic, extended drought that has impacted regional water supply and other resources, according to the U.S. Department of Interior; and

WHEREAS, The San Juan County and the City of Farmington are shown to be in D4- Exceptional Drought as of June 28, 2021 according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, a map published by the National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC), the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that shows the location and intensity of drought conditions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the category of D4- Exceptional Drought is characterized by exceptional and widespread crop/pasture losses and shortages of water creating water emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham issued Executive Order 2020-084 on December 9, 2020, declaring a state of emergency in New Mexico due to drought conditions statewide, and said Order remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command at San Juan Regional Medical Center was activated on February 5, 2020, shortly after the first COVID-19 case in the United States was reported and a public health emergency was declared; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture on March 11, 2021 declared a drought disaster in fourteen New Mexico counties, including San Juan County, making farmers in the affected counties eligible for emergency loans; and

WHEREAS, the exception drought conditions in San Juan County are expected to continue into the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the All Hazard Emergency Management Act, NMSA, Sections 12-10-01 to 12-10-10, gives the governing bodies of local political subdivisions in the State the power to establish local offices of Emergency Management to perform emergency management functions within the political subdivision in which it is organized; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County has created the Office of Emergency Management, which is responsible for organization, administration, and operation for the civil emergency management program for the County; and

WHEREAS, the San Juan County Office of Emergency Management is coordinating resources across local and state government to support the County and local and municipal officials in alleviating the impacts to people, property, and business and in assessing the magnitude and long-term effects of the drought.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON: By virtue of authority provided by local ordinances and by the All Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978, 12-10-01 to 12-10-10), we do hereby adopt the emergency declaration by San Juan County regarding the exceptional drought status of San Juan County.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of July, 2021.

Nate Duckett, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Andrea Jones, City Clerk