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Dear Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham,

Thank you for working with my administration throughout the past days to address to the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak we have been experiencing in our community. Your leadership and action has been enormously consequential as we work to protect my constituents in Gallup and our neighbors in nearby communities.

I have no doubt that the actions we have taken together have helped turn the tide in our community and we will, in coming days and weeks, continue efforts in Gallup until we see positive results and until this virus is defeated.

We have determined that it is necessary to continue to restrict access to Gallup for an additional until Friday at 8 p.m. to ensure a successful transition. Continuing the current business curfew, limiting the number of passengers in a vehicle, and temporarily continuing the current containment strategies in place will allow the City of Gallup to adequately prepare for a successful reopening.

In addition, I am requesting that you include in your order a requirement that members of the public wear at least a cloth face covering while visiting essential businesses. This effort would help limit the spread of the virus in areas of significant community-based transmission

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §§12-10-16 through 12-10-21 (“the Riot Control Act”), I respectfully ask that you again declare a state of emergency pursuant within the boundaries of the City of Gallup. Our community is unable to adequately address the outbreak without the imposition of certain restrictions necessary to regulate social distancing, public gatherings, sales of good, and the use of public streets. See generally, NMSA 1978, § 12-10-18 (2005).

We will collaborate with your office to craft the specific restrictions necessary to address this crisis. See generally, NMSA 1978, § 12-10-18 (2005).

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Bonaguidi, Mayor
City of Gallup