

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LEA
RESOLUTION NO. 20-JUN-150R**

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE STATUS OF THE 2020 LEA COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

WHEREAS, the Lea County Fair and Rodeo is the largest annual event in Lea County; *and*

WHEREAS, the Lea County Fair and Rodeo is second to none in New Mexico in its quality of competition, exhibits, and entertainment; *and*

WHEREAS, the Lea County Fair provides an opportunity to its residents to showcase all types of talent including fiddler's contest, sewing, needlework, quilt work, scrap books, baked goods, canned goods, gardening, horticulture, handicrafts, photography, china painting, fine arts, creative writing, pottery, woodworking, and many more; *and*

WHEREAS, the Lea County Fair gives the youth and citizens of Lea County an opportunity to showcase their work with livestock; *and*

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Mexico declared that due to the coronavirus "COVID-19" a public health emergency existed in New Mexico under the Public Health Emergency Response Act and invoked her authority under the All Hazards Emergency Management Act; *and*

WHEREAS, the Public Health Secretary has issued multiple Orders that adopt certain definitions and restrictions for activities in the State of New Mexico; *and*

WHEREAS, the most recent Order of the Secretary dated June 1, 2020, defines recreational facilities as including, among others, "...arcades, amusement parks, concert venues, performance venues..." and directs that recreational facilities "must remain closed;" *and*

WHEREAS, the same Order also defines mass gatherings as "any public or private gathering, organized event, ceremony, or other grouping that brings together five (5) or more individuals in a single room or connected space, confined outdoor space or an open outdoor space" and prohibits all mass gatherings, except where provided otherwise in the order; *and*

WHEREAS, the Governor has publicly stated that no county fairs will occur; *and*

WHEREAS, the State has cancelled the State Fair.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lea County that the 2020 Lea County Fair and Rodeo is cancelled.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of June, 2020, by the Lea County Board of County Commissioners in an open meeting in Lovington, New Mexico.

LEA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Lea County

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Rebecca Long

Rebecca Long (District 2), Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Dean Jackson

Dean Jackson (District 1), Vice Chair
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Gary G. Eidson

Gary G. Eidson (District 3), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Jonathan Sena

Jonathan Sena (District 4), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

Richard Don Jones

Richard Don Jones (District 5), Member
Voted: Yes No Abstain

ATTEST: Keith Manes
Lea County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY:

By: Hollye Shearer
Hollye Shearer, Deputy Clerk

John W. Caldwell
John W. Caldwell, County Attorney

