



## **Office of the Governor**

### **EXECUTIVE ORDER: SFP 2023-01**

#### **ORDER RESCINDING ALL PRIOR PUEBLO OF SAN FELIPE EXECUTIVE ORDERS CONCERNING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Pueblo of San Felipe is an independent sovereign nation with a traditional form of government, and recognized by the United States of America as a sovereign nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Pueblo of San Felipe possesses the inherent executive power to act in all emergency governmental matters that concern the health and welfare of the San Felipe Pueblo tribal members and all other persons residing, working, or attending school on the San Felipe Reservation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, the United States was stricken by the Covid 19 pandemic, which had a tremendous and tragic effect on the Pueblo of San Felipe community; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 2020, with Executive Order No. 2000-01 (March 16, 2020), and consistent with federal, tribal, and state guidelines and requirements, the Pueblo Governor issued a number of public health emergency Executive Orders ordering, among other things, closing the Pueblo to outsiders, imposing stay at home orders, restricting off-Pueblo travel, requiring Pueblo government employees to work remotely, establishing guard posts at all entrances to the Pueblo to enforce the closure, and other restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, all previous Executive Orders stated that they would remain in effect until rescinded by further order of the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, while COVID 19 remains a present danger in the country and the community, the number of persons infected and the intensity of the infections have plummeted; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention has lifted virtually all mandatory restrictions governing COVID 19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of New Mexico lifted virtually all mandatory restrictions governing COVID 19; and

**WHEREAS,** the Pueblo government believes that given the great reduction in the public health threat posed by COVID 19, continued vigilance on the part of the San Felipe community and others, and the New Mexico Governor's lifting of restrictions, it is now appropriate for the Pueblo's restrictions to be rescinded as well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT,** for the reasons addressed above, I Carl Valencia, Governor of the Pueblo of San Felipe, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue this Executive Order rescinding all prior Executive Orders relating to COVID-19.

- This Order shall take effect April 24, 2023.
- The Pueblo Government urges all tribal members and other members of the community to continue exercising diligence in efforts to avoid being infected and infecting others.

**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

**WITNESS MY HAND**

*Carl Valencia*

Carl Valencia  
Governor

**ATTEST:**

*Clyde Aguilar*

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Lt. Governor

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