

- *Whereas*, students and educators are New Mexico's most valuable resource and, thus, providing the safest environment possible must be a priority; and
- *Whereas*, on March 11, 2020 New Mexico's Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham declared a public health emergency in response to the spread of COVID-19; and
- *Whereas*, on March 13, 2020 New Mexico Governor, Michell Lujan Grisham issued executive order 2020-005 declaring a public health emergency and ordering all New Mexico Public schools closed from Monday March 16, 2020 until Monday April 6, 2020 ; and
- *Whereas*, executive order 2020-005 required essential Gadsden ISD employees to continue meal distribution and required a facility disinfection process in order to meet the April 6, 2020 deadline for students to resume classes; and
- *Whereas*, executive order 2020-005 required non-exempt employees of Gadsden ISD to perform duties during a nation-wide public health crisis

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gadsden ISD Board of Education recognizes these employees' efforts, commitment and dedication during this national crisis; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gadsden ISD Board of Education directs the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to recognize non-exempt employees in the Student Nutrition Program, Custodial, Maintenance and Technology Departments who reported to a school site to providing student meals, sanitize equipment or buildings by issuing a stipend for hazard duty to each hourly employee that remained at their regular duty assignment and continued to provided services to ensure students and staff remained safe during the period of March 16, 2020 to April 3, 2020;

**Superintendent Recommendation:** Approve