# RESOLUTION 2022-03

# REGARDING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF STATE OF NEW MEXICO WEBSITES AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act requires that the state of New Mexico take steps to ensure that its communications with people with disabilities are as effective as communications with others; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is increasingly using websites to communicate critical information and deliver vital services, including to process applications for state employment, license renewals, and public benefits such as Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Coronavirus website is a prime example of a website that is accessible to persons who are blind or visually impaired, as demonstrated by the fact that on April 30, 2020, the National Federation of the Blind issued a media release stating that no accessibility barriers were found on the New Mexico Coronavirus website; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Information Technology has made tremendous progress in making announcements and notices accessible; and

WHEREAS, because of that progress, announcements and notices sent to state employees are now consistently accessible; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Information Technology has otherwise made the acquisition of accessible information technology systems a priority:

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico assembled in convention in the city of Albuquerque this 28th day of August, 2022, that the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico commends the administration of Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and the Department of Information Technology for its successful efforts to enhance accessibility for persons who are blind or visually impaired; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico recognizes that ensuring accessibility is an ongoing process and that additional progress still needs to be made; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico calls upon the state of New Mexico to continue to proactively work to make sure that all state websites and information systems are fully accessible to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

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