



MEMORANDUM

TO: All Pueblo of Jemez Community Members

FR: Governor David M. Toledo

1st Lt. Governor John Galvan

2nd Lt Governor Elston Yepa

DT: October 30, 2020

RE: Notice to cancel all Festivities, Celebrations and Name Days

The Jemez community and the State of New Mexico continues to be largely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As per the Centers for Diseases Control (CDC), this virus is spread through close contact exposure, and is expedited through large social gatherings.

Therefore, with heavy hearts the Pueblo of Jemez Governors and Religious Leaders have decided to CANCEL all festivities, celebrations and name days for the remainder of the 2020 year. This includes all celebrations and festivities such as:

- November 12th Feast Day
- December 12th Saint Guadalupe Feast Day
- All Christmas Festivities
- Weddings

An exception has been made for baptismal to continue with 6 people in attendance which includes the Priest, Parents, Child and Godparents.

These decisions are deemed necessary in order to protect our community, elders, children and visitors that are attracted to such festivities and celebrations. Your understanding and support with these decisions is greatly appreciated.

We are a community that strongly believes and relies on our traditional way of life and now more than ever we need to have faith and believe in our prayers. Please continue to pray in your own way so that we as a community get through this pandemic. We thank you for your continued support and your efforts to keep the Jemez community safe and healthy.

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