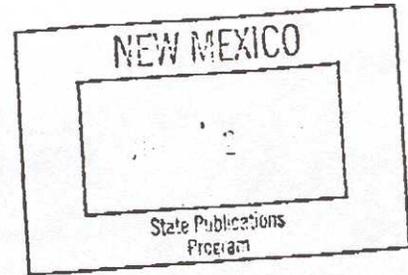


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WHEREAS, noxious weed infestations negatively impact biological diversity, increase erosion, alter hydrologic function, and reduce wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, all state agencies have an obligation to protect the state's natural resources for the use and enjoyment of future generations; and

WHEREAS, noxious weed infestations reduce property values and significantly increase the operating costs for land management agencies and the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, failure to manage noxious weeds on state lands and rights-of-way results in the spread of those weeds into neighboring public and private lands. Furthermore, noxious weeds growing in transportation corridors provide a source of seeds and a method for rapidly transporting noxious weeds into other regions of the state which may have been previously uninfested; and

WHEREAS, coordination among state agencies is essential in order to achieve the maximum efficiency in dealing with noxious weeds, and to avoid duplication of efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary E. Johnson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me and the purposes herein stated, do hereby direct executive agencies to:

- a) Participate in generating noxious weed awareness within their agency and among the public with whom the agency interacts; and
- b) Manage infestations of plant species designated by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture as Class A noxious weed infestations on state land or rights-of-way under their jurisdiction by making use of integrated pest management techniques; and
- c) Cooperate with the Department of Agriculture to increase the level of coordination on weed management efforts. This should include annual submission of available noxious weed inventory data from lands under the agency's jurisdiction to a repository designated by the Department of Agriculture.

This Executive Order supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect on June 8TH, 2000, and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

ATTEST:

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2000.

Rebecca Vigil-Giron

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
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