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DESIGNATION NOTICE

DATE: February 14, 2019

SUBJECT: Mora County Special Audit

Santa Fe, NM – As a result of a fact-finding review conducted by the Office of the State Auditor (OSA), and in accordance with the Audit Rule Section 2.2.2.15 (B) NMAC, State Auditor Colón has formally designated Mora County for a special audit.

In July 2018, Mora County commissioned an independent and internal investigation to examine probable misuse of funds and questionable expenditures by former county employees concerning the Mora County Volunteer Fire Department. As a result of its independent and internal investigation, Mora County referred the matter to the OSA.

State Auditor Colón has determined the matter shall be reviewed by an independent public accountant (IPA) approved by the OSA. To maintain proper transparency and uphold independence the designation provision is reasonable and appropriate.

State Auditor Colón is dedicated to OSA's mission to investigate fraud, waste, and abuse in our state and is committed to taking appropriate measures to ensure accountability of any entity entrusted with state expenditures.

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