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DATE: August 28, 2017

TO: All NMSU students and employees

FROM: Garrey Carruthers, Chancellor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Garrey Carruthers', written over a horizontal line.

SUBJECT: Hurricane Harvey

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Houston and surrounding areas along the Gulf Coast. As I am sure you have seen, the destruction brought by Hurricane Harvey is immense, and not yet over. A number of our students, faculty and staff are from the area affected by the storm and even more are likely to have friends and family in that region.

In a time when watching various events unfold across the country could cause you to believe that civility and respect for others is in short supply, we are seeing truly remarkable acts of kindness coming out of Houston. Neighbors are helping neighbors. Even complete strangers are providing assistance to others, compelled solely by the desire to help someone in need. It is often in times when things seem the most difficult, that we see the very best in people.

I am certain that many of the students, faculty and staff at our great university have already found ways to help those struggling to cope with the storm. Many more will likely find their own ways to contribute to these important efforts over the coming days and weeks. I'm certain each of these acts of kindness will go a long way in helping improve the lives of others. It is why we say New Mexico State University is a caring community transforming lives through discovery.