

A Resolution Supporting the 2015 Legislative Priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties

WHEREAS, in August 2014, the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Association of Counties approved eight legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature at its 2015 regular legislative session; *and*

WHEREAS, NMAC has requested that the Board of County Commissioners in each of the state's 33 counties adopt a resolution supporting NMAC's legislative priorities; *and*

WHEREAS, this is an important step in assuring maximum understanding of, and support for, NMAC's legislative priorities at the county level; *and*

WHEREAS, the adoption of such resolutions will enable NMAC to demonstrate to the state legislature local and statewide support for NMAC's legislative priorities; *and*

WHEREAS, the legislative priorities include support for legislation on the following eight issues:

- **Safety Net Care Pool**

Remove counties' responsibility to fund Medicaid, and the Safety Net Care Pool, and consider the consolidation of some existing county local option gross receipts tax increments. (Health Care Policy Committee)

- **Keep Southwest Chief /Amtrak Service**

Support continuation of Amtrak's SW Chief and create reasonable funding alternatives. (Commissioners)

- **Tax Roll Corrections**

Authorizes the County Treasurer in conjunction with the County Assessor to make changes to the tax schedule and clarifies the authority and reasons necessary for tax schedule changes to correct obvious errors. (Assessors)

- **Delinquent Property Tax Payments**

Authorize County Treasurers to receive all payments of property taxes, including those turned over to the Property Tax Division of the Taxation & Revenue Department for collection and placed on installment agreements. (Treasurers)

- **Increase Detention Facilities Funding**

Restore County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act funding. (Detention Administrators)

- **Job Creation and IRB Act Improvement**

Allow counties to increase economic growth and job creation by expanding the list of projects eligible for an IRB, and removing the complaint process for certain IRB projects. (Managers and Executive Committee)

- **Public Lands Task Force (Memorial)**

Create a task force to evaluate state and county dependence on federal revenue, conduct an inventory of federal land ownership within the state, and study the legal, economic and practical impact of a potential transfer of certain public lands from the federal government to the state. (Public Lands & Natural Resources Policy Committee)

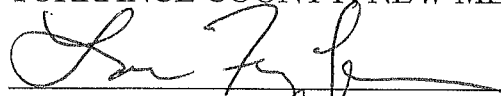
- **Inmate Options (Memorial)**

Study housing options and service delivery for detention inmates with special medical and mental health needs. (Commissioners)

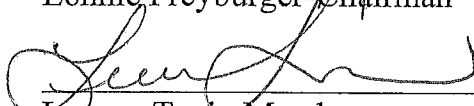
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Torrance County Board of County Commissioners does hereby support the legislative priorities of the New Mexico Association of Counties as set forth above, and urges that legislation incorporating these priorities be enacted by the state legislature during its 2015 regular legislative session.

ADOPTED this 8th of October 2014

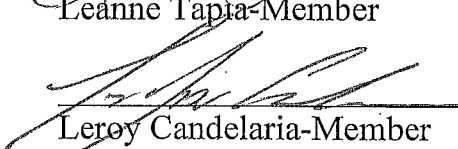
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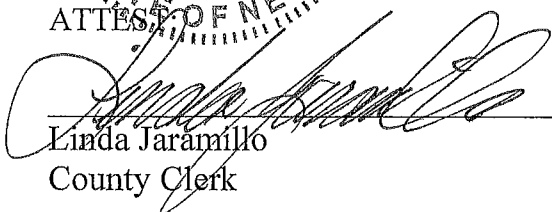
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ATTEST:



Linda Jaramillo
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