

SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION No. 1999 - 128

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR GARY JOHNSON VISIT SANTA FE COUNTY TO LEARN OF THE DEADLY PROBLEM OF HEROINE USE AND THE MULTIPLE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH MARIJUANA USE ON OUR CITIZENS AND TO REQUEST THAT AS GOVERNOR, HE TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN COMBATING THE USE, ABUSE, AND ADDICTION OF THESE DRUGS.

WHEREAS, studies and statistics show the use of heroine is increasing rapidly particularly in Northern Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, studies and statistics show that marijuana use is a precursor to further substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is ranked above the state average in alcohol and drug related mortality; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is designated as a "high intensity drug trafficking area," by the Office of National Drug Control Policy; and

WHEREAS, six overdoses and two deaths were reported in a period of one week in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, many families suffer the pain and helplessness of a family member falling prey to marijuana use and heroine addiction; and

WHEREAS, these families have few resources in their community to assist them with the complex and multiple problems that infiltrate their lives by suffering through a family member's addiction; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse specialists, therapists, and counselors are in agreement that our government can do far more than it has to educate, intervene, and prevent heroine use; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gary Johnson's public statements favoring the legalization of marijuana and heroine use are a blatant misdirection of the problem; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gary Johnson's statements of our current treatments show a lack of knowledge and sensitivity to the problem in his own state; and

WHEREAS, as the state's highest elected official Governor Gary Johnson's position, public exposure and statements on this subject do not support our current law.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners that they request Governor Gary Johnson to visit with our county law enforcement, treatment facilities, substance abuse specialists, emergency room doctors, counselors, therapists and addicts and their families to become better informed of our marijuana and heroine problem so that he may provide the leadership necessary to combat the problem.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED

THIS THE 12 day of October 1999.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Joe S. Griñe Jr.
Joe S. Griñe Jr. Chairman

Rebecca Bustamante

Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Denice Brown
Denice Brown, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE 1999
STATE OF NEW MEXICO 10931710
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
for record on the 15 day of Oct A.D.
19 99, at 11:10 o'clock a m
and was duly recorded in book 1697,
page 367-368 of the records of
Santa Fe County.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

Veronica Clayton
Deputy

