

SANTA FE COUNTY

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RESOLUTION NO. 1999-17

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A resolution establishing a policy to use inmate labor  
on Santa Fe County projects

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**Whereas**, the County of Santa Fe endeavors to provide services to its residents in the most cost effective ways.

**Whereas** the improvement and beatification of Santa Fe County is a primary concern of its residents

**Whereas** the County of Santa Fe supervises the imprisonment of inmates in County facilities

**Whereas**, it is the sentiment of Santa Fe County that prisoners incarcerated in County facilities should make productive use of their time

**Whereas**, time spent by prisoners helping the County of Santa Fe and its citizens is a valuable form of public service and a way to pay their debt to society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY**, to adopt a plan to use inmate labor on County projects.

**Goal:** To provide Santa Fe County residents with quality services at the lowest cost possible.

**Goal:** To develop a public service element to inmates' time served in County Correctional facilities that allows inmates to give back to their community.

**Goal:** To use inmate labor to assist with the completion of public works and general services projects.

**Objective:** Determine the feasibility of using inmate labor for County projects.

**Action:** Ensure that the use of inmate labor is appropriate under our contract with the private prison facility

**Action:** Assess which projects that would permit the use of inmate labor.

**Action:** Assess any contractual or legal obligations associated with such a project.

**Action:** Forge an agreement with the private correctional facility to pursue the use of inmate labor.

**Objective:** Review whether a sufficient number of projects exists

**Action:** The Departments of Public Works and General Services will submit a list of potential projects and the type of labor that will be used.

**Objective:** Assess the cost and benefit of this activity to the County

**Action:** Assess the potential of the project to meet Community service requirements.

**Action:** Review the anticipated cost of such projects with inmate labor and without inmate labor.

**Action:** The Public Works Department will work with the correctional facility to provide progress reports at the end of the second and fourth quarter of every fiscal year. Reports should include but not be limited to the following data: number of projects completed, hours required to complete projects, number of inmates used, cost to County, savings to county, recipients of project completion, etc. . .

**Objective:** Ensure the safety of Santa Fe County residents.

**Action:** Coordinate all activities using inmate labor with the County Sheriff's Department.

**Action:** Review with prison supervisors and the Sheriff's Department the criteria and classification for inmates that will potentially work on County projects.

**Action:** Establish procedures to preempt and respond to any safety concerns resulting from the practice of using inmate labor on public projects.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 23 day of February, 1999

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By [Signature]  
Paul Duran, Chairman



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Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Denice Brown, County Attorney



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO )SS  
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed  
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and was duly recorded in book 1606  
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Santa Fe County.

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