

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2002-43

A Resolution Requesting that the New Mexico Attorney General Require the Assets of Los Alamos Medical Center Remain in Northern New Mexico

WHEREAS, the Los Alamos Medical Center has served Northern New Mexico Counties such as Santa Fe for 50 years, and

WHEREAS, the Medical Center has operated as a non-profit institution for that period, and

WHEREAS, operation of the Medical Center has generated tax-free revenues and substantial charitable assets, and

WHEREAS, the imminent sale by the Medical Center's present owner may result in some or all of those assets leaving the region, and

WHEREAS, loss of those assets to the region will adversely affect the quality and cost of health care provided to the citizens of Northern New Mexico,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the public interest, the **County of Santa Fe** supports and endorses application of the following principles and conditions to the sale of the Medical Center:

1. The conditions of the sale should be open, not secret, and have full community involvement. The many years of tax dollars and charitable donations that have supported non-profit and public healthcare institutions mean that these facilities are public assets, and the public must have a role in safeguarding and protecting them. To fulfill this responsibility, the public must be involved in the decision-making process at every stage.
2. The original mission of the hospital must continue. Los Alamos Medical Center served the community and benefited from its generosity as the sole healthcare provider. The

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mission statement for the hospital stayed the same for all intents and purposes during its entire operation. Not until the merger occurred in 1999 did that change legally. However it has never changed in the way the hospital has represented itself to the community. It continues to serve the people of northern New Mexico.

3. A charitable foundation should be set up from the proceeds of this transaction. A new and separate foundation or charitable trust should be created. The board of the new foundation should mirror the diversity of people that have been served by Los Alamos Medical Center over the years.
4. The sale should protect the rights of health care employees and their ability to best care for their patients. Doctors, nurses and other health care employees must participate in establishing policies and practices of care, such as staffing levels, training, and use of equipment.
5. The Attorney General should conduct an independent valuation and a full accounting of the assets of Los Alamos Medical Center to ensure the public is receiving full value for this charitable asset.

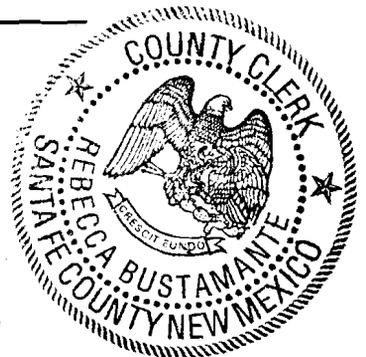
APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 30th day of April 2002.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul Duran, Chairman



Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk



Approved as to Form:

Steve Kopelman, County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE) SS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO }

I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on the 1 day of May A.D. 2002 at 3:14 o'clock P.m and was duly recorded in book 2120 page 661-662 of the records of

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

Deputy