

# Santa Fe County

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## *Resolution No. 2002- BZ*

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### A RESOLUTION STATING CONCERN REGARDING LOCAL AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS IN SANTA FE COUNTY

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**WHEREAS**, it is the fundamental purpose and responsibility of government to protect the health and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, economic survival of agriculture and rural communities is vitally important to the general health and welfare of New Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the present economic distress in rural New Mexico is a direct consequence of, among other things, a severe and increasing disparity between agricultural prices and other commodities which has largely destroyed the purchasing power of farmers, has broken down the orderly exchange of commodities, and has seriously impaired the agricultural assets supporting the local and state credit structure and tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, this disparity has contributed to the depression of the economies of rural counties and communities, reduction of the population through migration of young people to urban centers, and erosion of the local tax base; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative negative effects on agricultural producers and rural communities is a result, in part, of the Federal Government's failure to execute constitutional powers pertaining to agricultural transactions, to uphold and enforce domestic antitrust laws against corporate monopoly concentrations in agriculture, to stabilize foreign currency in relation to domestic currency in order to provide a level playing field in global trade, to negotiate foreign trade agreements for the benefit of agriculture, labor and industry, and to provide compensation for trade restrictions arising from foreign policy initiatives.

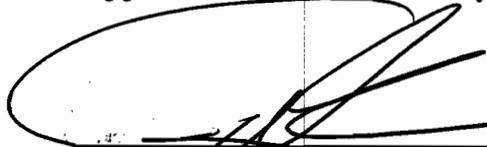
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE THAT:**

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The Board of County Commissioners hereby requests:

- a. The Attorney General to investigate the apparent abdication by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government regarding compliance with existing laws including, among others, the Agricultural Adjustment Act (see, for example, 7 USC Sections 292, 601, 602, 1301, 1303, 2266a, and 5671).
- b. The Governor to provide all necessary information through State Cabinet Agencies to the Attorney General regarding the social and economic consequences and costs of the failure to implement existing Federal Agricultural Policy.
- c. The Secretary of Agriculture to hold investigative hearings and make determinations to be forwarded to the offices of the Governor, Attorney General and Legislative Interim Committee, and to supply requested historical data and statistics as needed to the appropriate agencies and committees.
- d. The Legislative Council to provide supplemental investigation regarding limitations or absence of authority in state statutes regarding intrastate agricultural policy, monetary policy, trade agreements, foreign commerce, and foreign policy and to transmit those findings to the Governor, Attorney General and Interim committee.
- e. The New Mexico Legislature to establish a Legislative Interim Committee to hold hearings in rural areas statewide to document the social and economic consequences of Federal inaction.
- f. Adequate Legislative appropriations to carry out the foregoing directives.

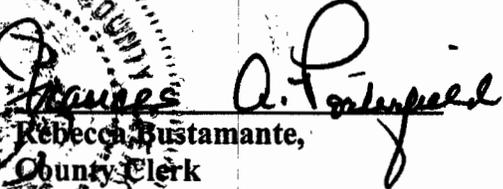
Approved this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2002.



Paul D. Duran, Chairman



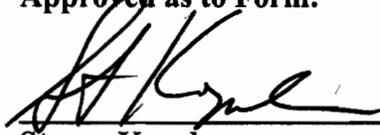
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Rebecca Bustamante,  
County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Steven Kopelman,  
County Attorney



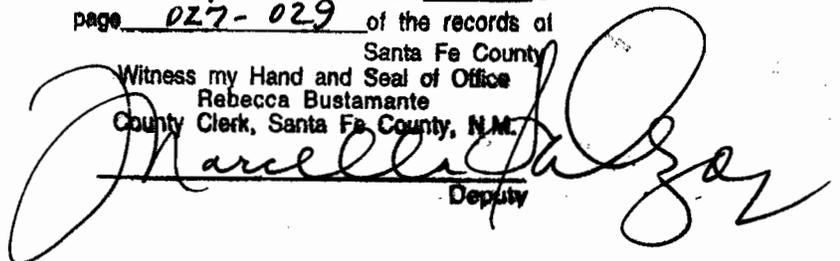
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COUNTY OF SANTA FE } SS  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

I hereby certify that this instrument was filed  
for record on the 15 day of Aug A.D.  
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and was duly recorded in book 2188  
page 027-029 of the records of

Santa Fe County

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

  
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Deputy