

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2003 - 726

A Resolution in Support of a New Mexico Constitutional Amendment to Create a Cabinet Department of Education Headed by a Secretary of Education and an Elected Public Education Commission and an Amendment to Provide for a Limited Additional Distribution From the Permanent Funds to Provide More Money for the Public Schools

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WHEREAS, all the children of the State of New Mexico deserve and are entitled to excellent public schools and education; and

WHEREAS, the great State of New Mexico has for far too long been recognized as one of the last states in its ability to offer a high level of public education; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to set public education as a priority for the State; to streamline the educational system; to direct more funds into the classrooms; and to improve student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the State's Board of Education is too large in order to effectuate coherent educational policy; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to elevate the Department of Education to a cabinet level position;

WHEREAS, a Secretary of Education appointed by the governor and an elected education commission will increase accountability, make the educational process more efficient for the public, and result in better management of the agency responsible for education; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need to eliminate state level bureaucracy and to fund educational reforms; and

WHEREAS, limited additional distribution from the State's Permanent School Fund will allow the State to provide more money for the public schools to implement and maintain education reforms and for other Permanent Fund recipients; and

WHEREAS, rigorous standards will be established and higher salaries will be paid through the additional distribution; and

WHEREAS, the State's Permanent School Fund is one of the nation's largest permanent funds and was created as an endowment for public school institutions and other institutions; and

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WHEREAS, the time has come to set education as a priority for the State of New Mexico and put an end to the loss of human resources and economic development that the State has suffered for decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that amendments to the New Mexico Constitution are necessary to advance the continuous improvement of public education through the creation of a State Secretary of Education and an elected public education commission and through a greater distribution of the permanent school fund earnings for public education reform.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jack Sullivan

Jack Sullivan, Chairman

ATTEST:

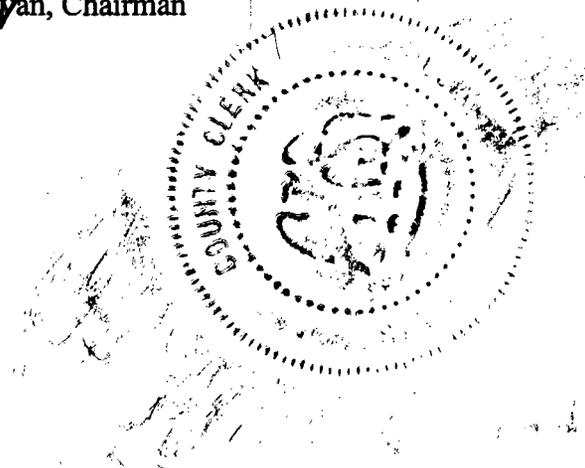
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Rebecca Bustamante, Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Stephen C. Ross

for Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I, Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, designated as Resolution No. 2003-1216 was filed in my office on the 10 day of Sept., 2003, in book Number 2652 at Pages 569-570.

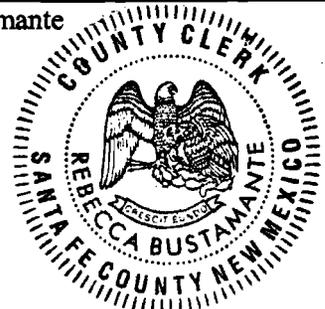
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SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

Rebecca Bustamante

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS INSTRUMENT WAS FILED FOR RECORD ON THE 10 DAY OF Sept A.D. 2003 AT 12:08 O'CLOCK P.M. AND WAS DULY RECORDED IN BOOK 2652 PAGE 569-570 OF THE RECORDS OF SANTA FE COUNTY



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REBECCA BUSTAMANTE
COUNTY CLERK, SANTA FE COUNTY, N.M.
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