

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## Resolution No. 2005 - 44

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### A Resolution in Opposition to Budget Cuts in U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Community Advancement Program (RCAP) and Other Rural Development Programs

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**WHEREAS**, the 1996 Fair Agricultural Improvement and Reform (FAIR) Act consolidated much of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) rural development grant and loan portfolio into the Rural Community Advancement Program (RCAP);

**WHEREAS**, in the creation of RCAP, Congress recognized the diversity of rural America and provided flexibility within RCAP to transfer up to 25 percent of funding between the three program categories, thus allowing state and local leaders to develop innovative approaches to rural development challenges;

**WHEREAS**, the Bush Administration 2006 budget calls for substantial cuts to the RCAP program from \$716 million in Fiscal Year 2005, to \$522 million in Fiscal Year 2006;

**WHEREAS**, contained within the multi-billion dollar umbrella program of the RCAP are the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, Rural Community Facilities, and Rural Utility Service;

**WHEREAS**, proposed funding for the Rural Utilities Service will be cut from \$553 million to \$450 million and deeper cuts are proposed for Rural Community Facilities programs and the Rural Business Cooperative Service;

**WHEREAS**, the Community Facilities program will be slashed by 70 percent (70%) to \$28 million and the rural business programs will be cut 40 percent (40%) to \$44 million;

**WHEREAS**, the Rural Business Enterprise Grant, previously funded at \$39 million and Rural Business Opportunity Grant programs, previously funded at \$3 million, will be eliminated and incorporated into the Bush Administration's "Strengthening America's Communities Initiative" within the Department of Commerce, thus negatively affecting rural counties that rely on USDA programs.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby opposes any budget cuts in U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Community Advancement Program (RCAP) and other rural development programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, urges Congress to reject the Bush Administration's proposal to cut USDA funding for these well needed programs.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

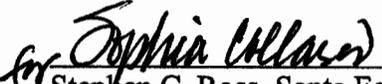
**SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

  
Michael D. Anaya, Chairman

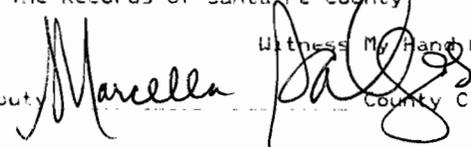
**ATTEST:**

  
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) ss  
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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 13TH Day Of April, A.D , 2005 at 08:37 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1375242 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County  
Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office  
Deputy  Valerie Espinoza  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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