

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## Resolution No. 2005 - 51

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### A Resolution Opposing Any Efforts to Decrease Funding to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program and Urging Congress to Restore Funding to Fiscal Year 2005 Levels

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**WHEREAS**, on October 30, 2001, the fiscal year 2001 defense authorization bill was signed into law by President George W. Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year 2001 defense authorization bill included the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, to be administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, whereby need-based grants would be provided directly to local fire departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program acknowledges the role of America's firefighters and emergency medical services personnel as valued first responders and as integral to domestic security across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, now administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, continues to provide a critical source of funds with which to meet the most pressing needs of at-risk communities and to help fire service providers reduce the risk posed to property and life, including the lives of firefighters, posed by fire and other disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, in its fiscal year 2006 budget request to Congress, the Bush Administration proposes to reduce funding to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program by \$215 million, from \$715 million in fiscal year 2005 to proposed funding of \$500 million for fiscal year 2006.



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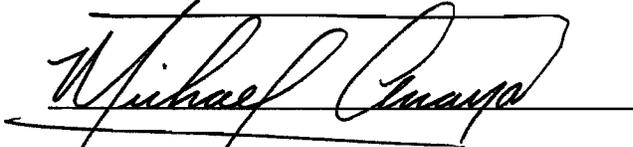
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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office )  
Valerie Espinoza )  
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM )

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County (i) strongly opposes any effort to decrease funding to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, and (ii) urges the federal government to provide at least the same level of funding to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program in fiscal year 2006 as it did in fiscal year 2005.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



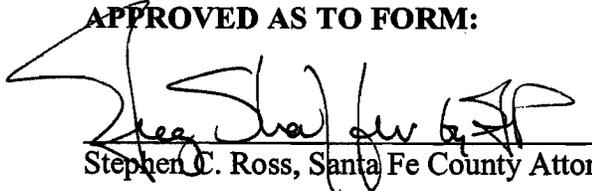
Michael D. Anaya, Chairman

**ATTEST:**



Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

