

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2005 - 53

A Resolution Supporting CLEAN-UP Meth Act (HR 13) and Increased Funding for Methamphetamine Research, Treatment, Enforcement, Education and Cleanup

WHEREAS, over the last decade, methamphetamine, a devastating and highly-addictive drug, has spread across the country; and

WHEREAS, the epidemic was first felt in rural counties but has now spread to suburban and metropolitan counties as well; and

WHEREAS, methamphetamine, commonly called "meth", is a homemade amphetamine made from common, easily accessible materials, such as antifreeze, white gas, ether, starting fluids, freon, lye, paint thinner, acetone, and ephedrine or cold pills; and

WHEREAS, these chemicals can be mixed to make meth in a variety of locations, from homes to inside vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the harmful long-term effects to meth users include bone loss, malnutrition, liver, kidney and lung damage, as well as psychiatric problems; and

WHEREAS, meth production also poses serious health risks, such as severe respiratory and neural problems, to non-users, especially children, who are exposed to the toxic chemicals used and created during meth production; and

WHEREAS, the costs of investigating and busting meth labs, corrections, court costs, treatment and clean-up are all direct costs that county governments must bear as a result of the skyrocketing use and manufacture of meth; and

WHEREAS, national statistics suggest that in at least 70 percent of all meth arrests there is a child living in the home and that these children many times suffer from neglect and abuse; and

WHEREAS, meth labs also pose a significant danger to the community because they contain highly flammable and explosive materials; and

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WHEREAS, for each pound of meth produced, five to seven pounds of toxic waste remain, which is often introduced into the environment via streams, septic systems and surface water run-off; and

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2005, the U.S. Department of Justice's Methamphetamine Enforcement and Cleanup program was funded at \$54 million; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2006 Bush Administration budget proposes cutting funding for the program to \$20 million; and

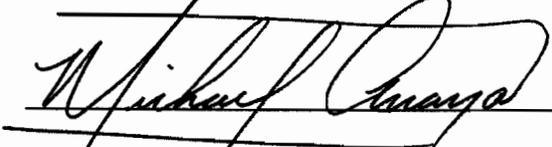
WHEREAS, Santa Fe County expects that there will be several legislative initiatives introduced in the 109th Congress that would authorize more funding to state and local governments to fight the scourge of methamphetamine; and

WHEREAS, one such bill is HR 13, the Clean, Learn, Educate, Abolish, Neutralize and Undermine Production (CLEAN-UP) of Methamphetamine Act, which would (i) provide state and local governments with grants targeted at cleaning up meth-contaminated lands, educating students of the dangers of meth, and treating children suffering from the effects of meth and (ii) authorize additional resources for the Department of Justice's COPS and Meth Host Spots programs.

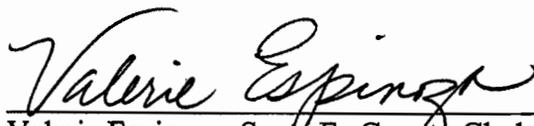
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County (i) supports the CLEAN -UP Meth Act (HR 13) and (ii) urges Congress and the Bush administration to commit more resources to fight the harmful methamphetamine epidemic by providing increased funding for methamphetamine research, treatment, enforcement, education and cleanup.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th 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

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I hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 27TH Day Of April, A D., 2005 at 10 16 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1377209 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County	
Deputy 	Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office Valerie Espinoza County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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