

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2007 - 106

A Resolution in Support of maintaining current federal funding levels for the operation of the Los Alamos National Laboratory for the economic benefit that is realized by the citizens of Santa Fe County and of citizens the State of New Mexico from the operation of this establishment.

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory (the Laboratory) is a United States Department of Energy national laboratory, managed and operated by Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS), located in Los Alamos, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory is one of the largest multidisciplinary institutions in the world, as well as the largest institution and the largest employer in northern New Mexico with approximately 12,500 LANS employees; and

WHEREAS, for more than 63 years Los Alamos National Laboratory has served the nation by developing and applying the best science and technology to ensure its safety and security; and

WHEREAS, approximately one-third of the laboratory's technical staff members are physicists, one-fourth are engineers, one-sixth are chemists and materials scientists, and the remainder work in mathematics and computational science, biological science, geoscience, and other areas that support the work of the laboratory; and

WHEREAS, professional scientists and students also come to Los Alamos as visitors to participate in scientific projects. The staff collaborates with universities and industry in both basic and applied research to develop resources for the future; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory has been critical to the economic development and stability of Northern New Mexico and Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory has been critical to the economic development and stability of the entire State of New Mexico as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Los Alamos National Laboratory purchases approximately \$23 million worth of goods and services annually in Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, federal budget appropriations in an amount less than what is necessary to maintain the current level of employees now employed at Los Alamos National Laboratory would be detrimental to the economy of the entire Northern region of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, a budget appropriation for fiscal year 2008 that is less than the amount received in fiscal year 2007 would likely lead to hundreds of job losses and cause major disruption to the economic wellbeing of all citizens of Northern New Mexico.

WHEREAS, there is a public call for Los Alamos National Laboratory management to diversify the lab's mission to better compete for federal budget appropriations which are now showing to be shifted away from weapons and toward energy research and science.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby oppose congressional budget reductions directly impacting Los Alamos National Laboratory and any such budget reductions which would have a deleterious impact on the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS together with other cooperating governments and communities will take a proactive approach to lend support to the lab and lobby its Congressional Delegation, Governor of New Mexico and others to protect the lab from congressional budget reductions

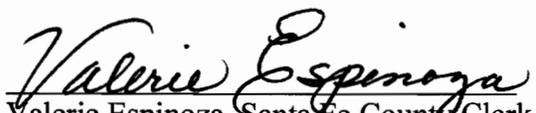
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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th DAY OF JULY, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

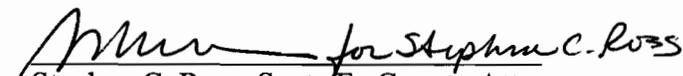

Virginia Vigil, Chair

ATTEST:


Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



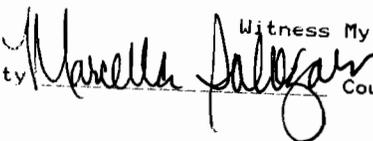
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Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM