

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## Resolution No. 2010 -20

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### **A Resolution Reaffirming Santa Fe County's Commitment To Civil Rights And Equal Access To County Services And Calling On Congress To Enact Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

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**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County recognizes the economic, social, and cultural contributions that immigrants bring to Santa Fe County;

**WHEREAS**, one of the responsibilities of county leaders is to protect the wellbeing and safety of all the people residing in their counties;

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico State Legislature, with broad support from law enforcement, faith, business, labor and community organizations, as well as local governments, have passed laws meant to integrate immigrants into our communities, such as the provision of driver's licenses and in-state tuition at state colleges to qualified persons regardless of immigration status;

**WHEREAS**, many local governments have passed resolutions, ordinances and policy directives recognizing that it is the role of the federal government to enforce civil immigration laws and reaffirming nonparticipation in the enforcement of civil immigration laws by county officials and agencies in order to promote immigrant trust in its public safety officers and avert racial profiling and civil rights violations;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County opposes the separation of families by raids and other activities meant to enforce our current broken immigration system and supports the reunification of families that have been so separated, especially those "mixed status" families with US citizen children of which there are an estimated four million children currently in this country;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County supports the establishment of a federal process whereby undocumented immigrants currently living in the US may earn legalized status through payment of appropriate fees and other reasonable requirements;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County supports an efficient immigration program that enables businesses to hire qualified foreign worker to meet local economic demands; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County believes that immigration reform must occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner that focuses on the creation of economic opportunities and that strengthens families and communities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that:

Santa Fe County calls on Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform that addresses:

1. Smart, efficient border security;
2. The reunification of immigrant families;
3. A path to citizenship for undocumented workers currently in the US;
4. A legal means of immigration for foreign nationals who want to work in the US temporarily, as well as for those who desire to become legal permanent residents or gain citizenship;
5. Resources to help counties alleviate the economic impact of delivering services to new immigration residents; and
6. Resources to assist counties to integrate new immigration residents into their counties;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Santa Fe County reaffirms its commitment to civil rights and equal access to all county services including public safety protection regardless of immigration status and that it opposes legislation encouraging or compelling local law enforcement to enforce federal civil immigration laws;

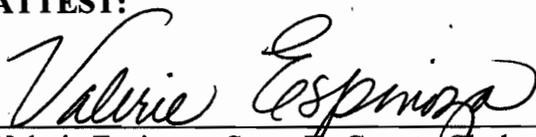
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be sent to New Mexico's Congressional delegation.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

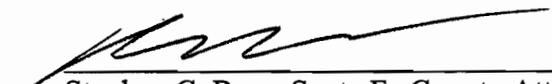
  
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Harry Montoya, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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