

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2010 -89

Resolution regarding Comprehensive Immigration Reform

WHEREAS, Our nation was founded by immigrants who come to the “New World;” and

WHEREAS, Our nation’s immigrants have made invaluable contributions to the progress of the United States and immigrants continue to enrich the social, economic, cultural and civic life of our country; and

WHEREAS, Our immigration policies must continue to recognize these contributions, as well as the important role that immigrant workers and their families play in the future growth of our nation; and

WHEREAS, In order to best ensure our nation’s security, our immigration enforcement measures must be effective, fair and humane; and

WHEREAS, Currently, there are currently immigrants who have been here for several years, pay taxes, raise families, and contribute to their communities, yet do not have legal immigration status; and

WHEREAS, This nation’s immigration policies should recognize the contributions of newcomers by providing them with an opportunity to obtain legal permanent residency and U.S. citizenship through an “earned” legalization program with fair and reasonable requirements; and

WHEREAS, It is important that our immigration policies recognize the efforts of U.S. citizens that have petitioned for loved ones, through legal channels, that we institute measures to ensure swift family reunification through a substantive reduction of the family application backlogs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona recently passed an immigration law, SB 1070, signed into law by Governor Jan Brewer on April 23, 2010 and thereafter modified and clarified the law by adoption of HB 2162, signed into law on April 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County is deeply committed to human rights, human dignity and social justice; and

WHEREAS, America has always been a land of opportunity for hardworking immigrants supported by the enduring principles of our Constitution and Latin American

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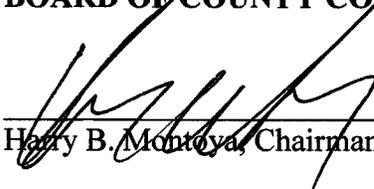
and Mexican immigrants have come in search of better lives for their families and themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY that:

1. Santa Fe County calls upon our national leaders to agree upon comprehensive reform of immigration legislation which provides for a compassionate path to citizenship; and
2. Santa Fe County believes in the dignity of work and advocates for humane treatment of working immigrants and calls upon President Barack Obama and the Honorable Congress of our great nation to courageously pursue Comprehensive Immigration Reform; and
3. Santa Fe County calls upon its citizens to stand together and find solutions for the greater good of all including those least able to defend themselves in the spirit of the great Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, and Cesar Chavez.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of May, 2010.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



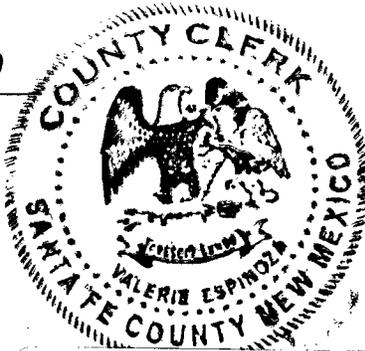
 Harry B. Montoya, Chairman



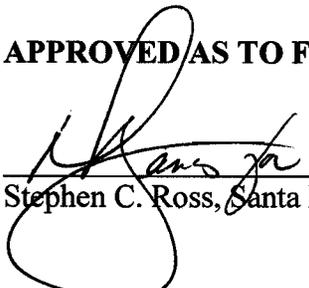
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 Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



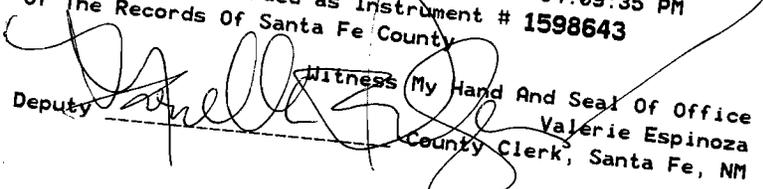
APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 12TH Day Of May, 2010 at 04:09:35 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1598643 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

 Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
 Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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