

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-28

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SJM 13 THAT ENCOURAGES THE DEVELOPMENT
AND ADVERTISING OF OUTDOOR PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN.**

WHEREAS, New Mexico is a state rich in diverse natural resources and wildlife, providing residents with traditional and long-valued outdoor recreation opportunities such as hunting, fishing, boating and hiking;

WHEREAS, New Mexico children have rates of obesity and diabetes, with one-third who are overweight and whose diabetes rates have jumped forty percent in the decade from 1990 to 2000;

WHEREAS, an emerging body of literature indicates that being in nature is increasingly important for children raised in highly industrialized urban environments;

WHEREAS, if integrated into pediatric care, outdoor activity in natural environment has the potential to improve children's mental health and physical well-being;

WHEREAS, young people who are environmentally literate and skilled will have a competitive advantage in traditional and emerging natural resource economic sectors;

WHEREAS, taking care of natural resources and forming good stewardship habits at an early age are essential aspects of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, the wonder and joy of discovery in nature is a quintessential childhood experience, and it promotes health, academic achievement, future economic success and environmental literacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the idea that every New Mexico child should have the opportunity to:

- A. play outside and explore freely;
- B. watch wildlife in the outdoors;
- C. wade in a clean river, creek, lake or pond;
- D. catch a fish and hunt for food;
- E. camp out under the stars;
- F. plant a seed and visit farms and ranches;
- G. travel a trail;
- H. explore New Mexico's public parks, nature centers and wildlife sanctuaries;
- I. actively care for land, water and wildlife; and
- J. dig in the dirt and learn about the world from the ground up; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County endorses Senate Joint Memorial 13 of the 50th Legislature of the State of New Mexico, First Session 2011, that encourages the New Mexico State Children, Youth and Families Department, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, the Department of Game and Fish, the Public Education Department and the Department of Health to develop and advertise outdoor programs for children; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the New Mexico State Governor, the Children, Youth and Families Department, the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, the Department of Game and Fish, the Public Education Department and the Department of Health.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of MARCH 2011.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**


Virginia Vigil, Chair

ATTEST:


Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

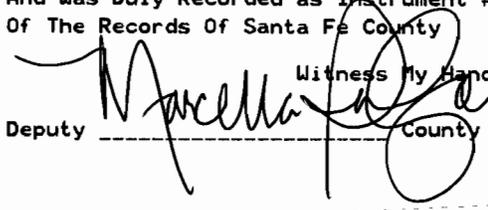

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Valerie Espinoza
Deputy County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM