

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 105

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT
THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES' RESOLUTION
TO MAINTAIN THE SOUTHWEST CHIEF AMTRAK SERVICE

WHEREAS, Amtrak's Southwest Chief serves northern New Mexico on its route between Chicago and Los Angeles on the host railroad line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway (BNSF);

WHEREAS, Fiscal Year 2012 revealed a total of 34,444 Amtrak boardings and alightings among the Raton, Las Vegas, and Lamy stations;

WHEREAS, a Report of the Annual Economic Impact of Amtrak's Southwest Chief in New Mexico, dated November 11, 2013 and filed with the New Mexico Interim Transportation Infrastructure Sub-Committee on November 12, 2013 assesses the annual visitor spending impact in the Lamy-Raton corridor at \$29.3 million in economic output, \$8.9 million in worker earnings and 368 jobs;

WHEREAS, Amtrak's agreement with BNSF for use of the track expires in January of 2016;

WHEREAS, Amtrak indicates it does not have sufficient funds to pay BNSF to maintain the line to 79 mph passenger rail standards;

WHEREAS, Amtrak needs funding in place to remain on the current route or it shall begin relocation or discontinuance of the train by January 2016;

WHEREAS, long distance passenger rail is a vital and necessary part of our national transportation system and economy;

WHEREAS, the federal government has declined to provide the needed fiscal support to allow Amtrak to pay for the necessary capital investment and annual maintenance in New Mexico, Colorado, and Kansas;

WHEREAS, New Mexico, Kansas, and Colorado support the Southwest Chief and seek State and Congressional support for additional funding; and,

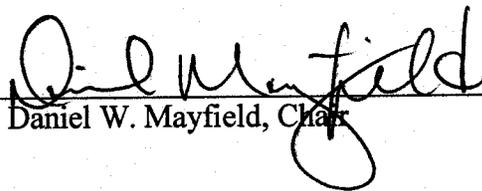
WHEREAS, the New Mexico Association of Counties support legislation that would:

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1. Allow the continuation of Amtrak's Southwest Chief along its current and historic route;
2. Create a Southwest Chief Rail Service Fund or other reasonable funding alternatives; and
3. Support efforts by the New Mexico Congressional Delegation in supporting and maintaining the Southwest Chief on its current route.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the above stated New Mexico Association of Counties resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014

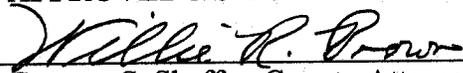

 Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair



ATTEST:

 Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk **9-30-2014**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


 for: Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
 STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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