

SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2014- 34

**A RESOLUTION FOR SANTA FE COUNTY TO JOIN OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN REQUESTING FROM CONGRESS A NATIONAL FREIGHT FEE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; TO IMPROVE RAIL SAFETY AND HELP TO RESPOND TO VARIOUS TYPES OF DISASTERS WITH BETTER ROUTE PLANNING AND STRICT RULES FOR CLASSIFYING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BEFORE SHIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, as rail transportation surges to meet the demands of a natural gas boom in this country, local and state governments need to take the lead in demanding better oversight, safety and more robust planning to respond to accidents involving hazardous materials;

**WHEREAS**, crude oil shipments by rail have increased by more than 400 percent since 2005;

**WHEREAS**, it is suggested that the federal government would impose a fee on companies that extract and transport crude oil and the industrial consumer of it;

**WHEREAS**, the fee would fund new investments in infrastructure, first responders in the locations of disasters involving hazardous materials and rebuilding efforts necessitated by disasters involving hazardous materials;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal would require congressional authorization;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal calls for broader improvements that include building safer rail cars and railroads and providing local officials with information about the freight entering their cities and counties;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Transportation Safety Board of Canada released a joint statement calling for better route planning that avoids densely populated areas,;

**WHEREAS**, recommending stricter rules that correctly classify hazardous materials before shipment and rigorous oversight to ensure companies have plans for dealing with disasters involving hazardous materials.

REC CLERK RECORDED 05/12/2014

SFC CLERK RECORDED 05/13/2014

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY CALLS FOR SANTA FE COUNTY TO JOIN OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN REQUESTING FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS:

1. The imposition of a national freight fee for the transport or shipment of hazardous materials;
2. Better route planning by companies that transport or ship hazardous materials;
3. Stricter rules that classify hazardous materials before transport or shipment; and
4. Stricter controls on locations that are allowed for loading hazardous materials onto freight cars.

TO IMPROVE RAIL SAFETY AND HELP TO RESPOND TO DISASTERS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Daniel W. Mayfield*  
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

ATTEST:

*Geraldine Salazar*  
Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

5-12-2014



Approved as to form:

*Rachel A. Brown*  
Rachel A. Brown  
Acting County Attorney



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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 12TH Day Of May, 2014 at 12:00:46 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1736589 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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

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