

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014 - 65

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE PAYMENT IN LIEU
OF TAXES (PILT) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) are Federal payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable Federal lands within their boundaries;

WHEREAS, the law that implements the payments is set forth in Title 31, Chapter 69 of the United States Code and is entitled Payments for Entitlement Land;

WHEREAS, the payments are made annually for tax-exempt Federal lands administered by the BLM, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (all agencies of the Interior Department), the U.S. Forest service (part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture), and for Federal water projects and some military installations;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County relies on PILT funding to provide essential support for road infrastructure, search and rescue operations, wildfire preparedness, and other community services that protect the health safety and welfare of Santa Fe County residents;

WHEREAS, there is increasing uncertainty regarding the federal commitment to continue PILT funding which makes it difficult to budget for necessary services;

WHEREAS, according to estimates from the National Association of Counties, current PILT funding provides a small fraction of what counties would receive in property taxes if the Federal lands and facilities which are tax exempt were privately owned;

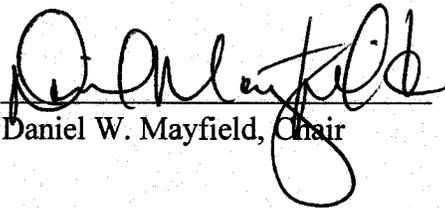
WHEREAS, in 2013, New Mexico counties received approximately \$34.7 million in PILT; and

WHEREAS, Congress needs to ensure that PILT payments adequately reimburse local governments for lost tax revenue associated with Federal ownership of public lands.

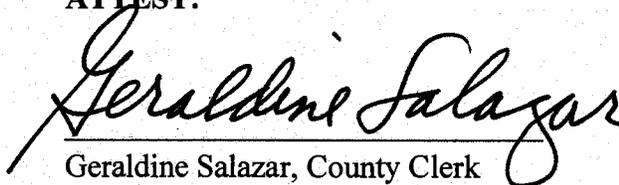
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County respectfully requests the continuation of PILT funding at the previously authorized levels or at even higher levels.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED THIS 12 day of August 2014.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By: 
Daniel W. Mayfield, Chair

ATTEST:


Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 14TH Day Of August, 2014 at 02:15:35 PM And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1743585 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County

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

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