

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 13

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR
INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-RELATED DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has deep concern for those individuals who struggle with behavioral health issues and hopes to assist in their treatment; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County takes pride in protecting and enhancing the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County plays an integral role in providing health care services for indigent residents; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County has adopted the Stepping Up Initiative Resolution (Res. No. 2015-66) and through the *Stepping Up* initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of behavioral health programs can be costly but is necessary for the well-being of County residents; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico State Representative Tomas Salazar has sponsored House Bill 88 which would appropriate \$2,500,000 for permanent supportive housing services, including case management services, life-skills training, housing counseling, rental assistance and other services. The services are targeted to help people who have behavioral health-related disabilities, and are homeless or at risk of homelessness, obtain and maintain stable permanent housing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County urges the New Mexico State Legislature to enact legislation that appropriates funding for services aimed at assisting people with behavioral health-related disabilities who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 26th day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Miguel M. Chavez
Miguel M. Chavez, Chairman

Attest by:

Geraldine Salazar
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk



Approved to Form by:

Gregory S. Shaffer
Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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

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