

# SANTA FE COUNTY

## RESOLUTION NO. 1999-27

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO REQUIRE SAFETY BELTS ON ALL BUSES TRANSPORTING CHILDREN

**WHEREAS**, a recent tragic bus accident in Santa Fe County has brought to light the need for safety belts on all buses that transport children; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, buses used for public transportation and school buses are exempt from New Mexico's child passenger restraint laws and, therefore, are not required to be equipped with safety belts; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 15, currently being considered by the New Mexico Legislature, would require safety belts on all school buses, but not on buses used for public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 696, currently being considered by the New Mexico Legislature, would require safety belts only on school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1997, and exempts private schools from compliance; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County believes it is imperative that all buses that transport children, whether the buses are school buses or buses used for public transportation, whether the buses are newer or older, and whether the buses are used by public or private schools, should be equipped with safety belts to protect all of our children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports the passage of Senate Bill 15, which requires safety belts on all school buses, with the request that an amendment be added to include buses used for public transportation. In the alternative, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County supports House Bill 696, which requires safety belts

on public school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 1997, with the request that amendments be added to delete the date of manufacture, to include private school buses, and to include buses used for public transportation.

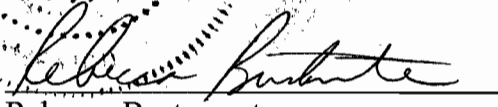
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SANTA FE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

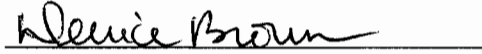


Paul Duran  
Chairperson

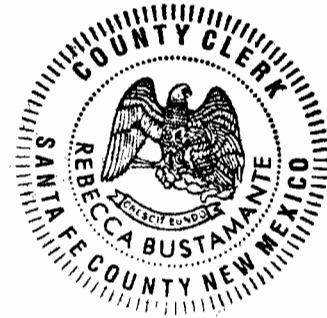


Rebecca Bustamante  
County Clerk

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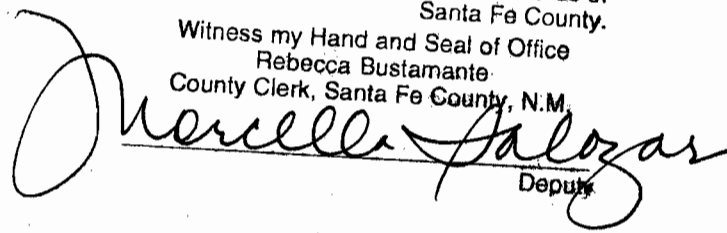


Denice Brown  
County Attorney



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE )  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO )SS  
I hereby certify that this instrument was filed  
for record on the 10 day of Mar A.D.  
19 99, at 9:00 o'clock a m  
and was duly recorded in book 1012  
page 967-968 of the records of  
Santa Fe County.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office  
Rebecca Bustamante  
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.



Deputy