Santa Fe County Resolution No. 2000-87.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUEBLO OF SANTO DOMINGO AND THE UNITED STATES TO RESOLVE LONG STANDING TITLE AND TRESPASS DISPUTES

WHEREAS, the Pueblo of Santo Domingo (Pueblo) and the United States have long-standing title and trespass disputes involving about 80,000 acres of private, public and Indian lands; and

WHEREAS, the Pueblo and the United States have successfully negotiated a settlement agreement which, if ratified by Congress, will resolve those disputes by delineating the Pueblo's lands, compensating the Pueblo for its claims and extinguishing Pueblo claims or interest in other lands; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (County) has been apprised as to the terms of the proposed settlement agreement as of May 23, 2000 by the United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor (Southwest Region); and

WHEREAS, the County believes that the proposed settlement will resolve the disputes to the benefit of all parties and not contrary to the interests of the County or its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Board of Commissioners of Santa Fe County hereby pledges support for the proposed settlement agreement and urges the Congress of the United States to ratify that proposed settlement and put it into effect.