

*SANTA FE COUNTY*

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*Resolution No. 2003 - 59*

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A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SANTA FE COUNTY AS A HYBRID ENTITY  
IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY ACT 1996  
(HIPAA)  
§160 PRIVACY RULE

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**WHEREAS,** the Health Insurance Portability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) was amended to include §160, "The Privacy Rule" (Privacy Rule) effective April 14, 2003, to protect the privacy of, and access to patient health information and,

**WHEREAS,** the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners recognizes that in accordance with HIPAA, the County is a single legal entity supporting both covered and non-covered activities, and has the desire to ensure compliance with the Privacy Rule, and,

**WHEREAS,** a HIPAA Committee has been created to establish policies and procedures relative to the Privacy Rule and the forthcoming HIPAA Security Rule, and,

**WHEREAS,** it is necessary for the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners to authorize the County Manager to designate a Privacy Officer responsible for all ongoing activities related to the development, implementation, maintenance of, and adherence to the County's policies and procedures covering the privacy of, and access to, patient health information.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners that Santa Fe County is hereby recognized as a hybrid entity in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability Act 1996 (HIPAA) §160, The Privacy Rule.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Manager to designate a Privacy Officer who shall chair the HIPAA Committee to develop and propose privacy policies and procedures and will present such proposals to the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners for review, approval and adoption.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that each County Elected Official and Department Director shall assist in the effort to ensure compliance with HIPAA by following the established rules and procedures.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS** 29 **DAY OF** April, 2003

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Jack Sullivan, Chairman

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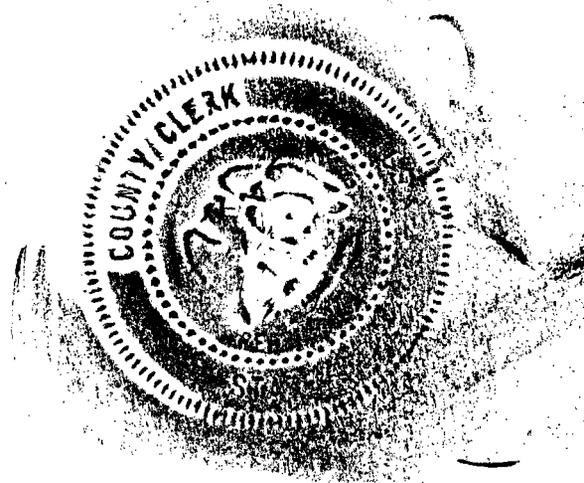
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Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk

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for Sophia Collins  
County Attorney



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