Santa Fe County
Resolution #2004- 141

A Resolution Authorizing Santa Fe County to Create a Victims Services Assistance Office within the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department

Whereas, on September 2004, Santa Fe County submitted a proposal to the United States Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, to request funding for the creation of an Office for Victims of Crime for Santa Fe County; and

Whereas, although the funding request was not granted, Santa Fe County nevertheless remains committed to finding the means to address the critical need of assisting victims of crime, and for that purpose, resolves to create a Victims of Crime Assistance Office within the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department; and

Whereas, in creating this office, Santa Fe County will work to collaborate with neighboring communities, municipalities, counties and pueblos to develop a regional victims of crime awareness and assistance program; and

Whereas, if created, this program will be the first in the State of New Mexico to provide, on a full-time basis, assistance to victims of crime at a local and regional level; and

Whereas, services to be provided under the Victims Services Assistance Office will include: crisis intervention, 24-hour victim assistance and support, counseling referrals, telephone outreach, court advocacy and escort, victim impact statements, crime victim compensation assistance, educational programs for schools and community groups and community resource assistance; and

Whereas, bilingual services will also be provided to victims of homicide, involuntary manslaughter, adult sexual assault, adults molested as children, child sexual and physical abuse, elder abuse, robbery, aggravated assault, domestic violence, stalking, burglary, drunk driving, and hate crimes; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners that Santa Fe County recognizes the need for assisting victims of crime, and therefore, authorizes the creation of a Victims of Crime Assistance Office within the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 9th Day of November 2004.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Paul D. Campos, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rebecca Bustamante, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney

COUNTY CLERK
REBECCA BUSTAMANTE
SANTA FE COUNTY NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed For Record On The 19TH Day Of November A D , 2004 at 10 19 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1355561 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County
Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM
Deputy

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