

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2006 - 115

A Resolution Supporting Immigration Reform

WHEREAS, our nation's immigrants have made invaluable contributions to the progress of the United States, and immigrants continue to enrich the social, economic, cultural and civic life of our country; and

WHEREAS, our nation's immigration policies must recognize these contributions, as well as the important role that immigrant workers and their families play in the future growth of our nation; and

WHEREAS, in order to best ensure our nation's security, our immigration enforcement measures must be effective, fair and humane; and

WHEREAS, a Comprehensive immigration reform must provide law-abiding, tax paying immigrant workers and their families with an opportunity to pursue U.S. citizenship; and

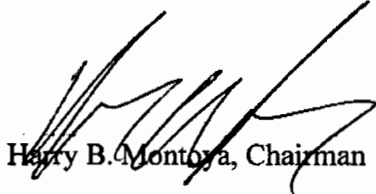
WHEREAS, currently, there are millions of immigrants who have been here in this country for several years, pay taxes, raise families, and contribute to their communities, including many who do not yet have immigration status. It is essential that our immigration policy recognizes the contributions of these newcomers by providing them with an opportunity to obtain legal permanent residency and eventually U.S. citizenship, through an "earned" legalization program with fair and reasonable requirements; and

WHEREAS, large immigration backlogs prevent many U.S. citizens from swiftly reuniting with their family members. It is important that our immigration policies recognize the efforts of individuals that have petitioned for loved ones through legal channels, and that we institute measures to ensure family reunification and a substantive reduction of the family backlogs; and

WHEREAS, Any temporary worker program must provide workers with full labor and civil rights protections, and the opportunity to pursue legal permanent residency in the United States. Comprehensive immigration reform must seek to improve the conditions for migrant and seasonal workers, many of whom work in agricultural jobs. If these conditions are addressed through a temporary worker program, it must provide labor and wage protections, and an opportunity for workers to pursue legal permanent residency. In particular, we must provide temporary workers with full labor and civil rights, including the right to organize, the right to change jobs, and the right to remain with their families. In addition, such rights must be vigorously enforced; and

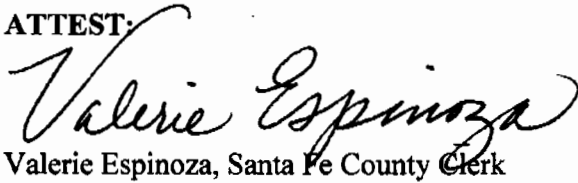
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



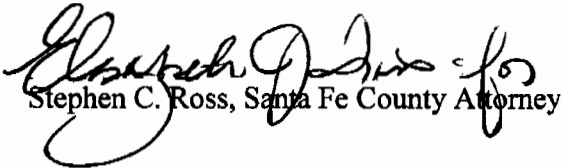
Harry B. Montoya, Chairman

ATTEST:



Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss

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Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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