

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2006-185

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE *SANTA FE CLUBHOUSE*, FOR PEOPLE RECOVERING FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS

WHEREAS, the Clubhouse will serve one of our most vulnerable populations, people who are affected by a severe mental disorder such as chronic depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, etc.; and

WHEREAS, persons with severe mental illness are largely neglected and often outcast by society because of stigma, sensationalism and mischaracterization by the media about mental illness; and

WHEREAS, persons with severe mental illness have undergone or are currently experiencing poverty, homelessness, incarceration, dual-diagnosis, suicide, or commitment to mental institutions; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Clubhouse will be a rehabilitative place for people affected by severe mental illness to go to work every day and will provide a place to belong, a respectful environment, meaningful relationships, ownership and responsibility, being wanted at the Clubhouse, and being needed at the Clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, a typical psychiatric hospital stay in Santa Fe can cost \$12,000 for one 12 day stay but providing a program for one Clubhouse member cost is only \$3,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, a research study conducted by the International Center for Clubhouse Development showed Clubhouse member hospitalizations reduced by 67.6 % and the length of stay in the hospital reduced by 97.5%; and

WHEREAS, Clubhouse members have a peer support network, social contacts, and a process for developing self-respect, all of which are deterrents to suicide; and

WHEREAS, recent Department of Justice statistics show more than half of America's prison and jail inmates have symptoms of mental health problems; and

WHEREAS, Clubhouses provide a place to go each day, meaningful work, and a process for developing responsibility, all of which are deterrents to criminal activity and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, one third of recipients of social security insurance have a diagnosable mental disorder; and

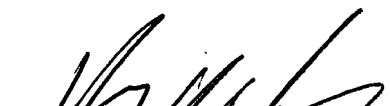
WHEREAS, Clubhouses provide an opportunity for employment and income which helps improve the Clubhouse participant's standard of living and reduce the amount of public subsidies required; and


WHEREAS, the Life Link, an agency with a long and successful history of serving persons with mental illness in our community, has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for the Clubhouse.

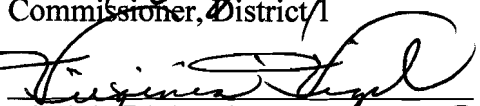
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS call on each member of New Mexico's legislative delegation to support the Santa Fe Clubhouse initiative.

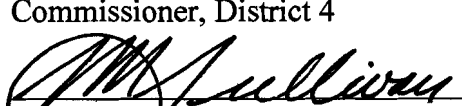
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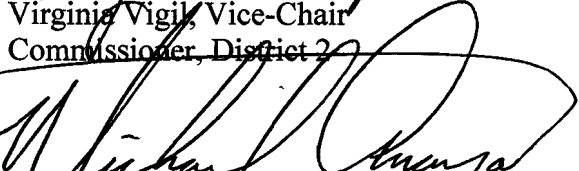
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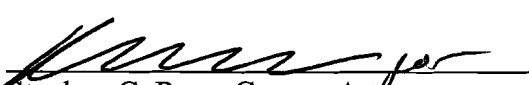

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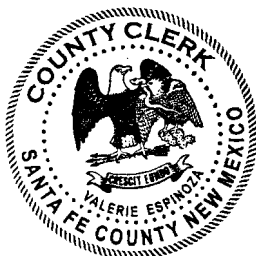

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ATTEST:


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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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Deputy  Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office
Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM