

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2009 - 222

**A RESOLUTION
URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT GOVERNOR BILL
RICHARDSON'S PROPOSED DWI 2010 LEGISLATION.**

WHEREAS, in July 2009, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe adopted a joint resolution for the purpose of addressing alcohol abuse in our community; and

WHEREAS, as part of that joint resolution, a work group consisting of elected leaders were directed to meet with governmental, educational and medical entities; law enforcement agencies; and not for profit and business organizations who are addressing any aspect of alcohol and drug abuse in our community; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2009 at a joint county-city meeting, the work group recommended programmatic steps to accelerate community change that will end violence from alcohol and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the work group included the support of Governor Bill Richardson's DWI crime package in an effort to lower DWI incidence and related harms by increasing DWI offender penalties and closing DWI loopholes, thereby insuring swift and certain punishment for first time and repeat offenders and thus increasing the deterrent effect of DWI laws and their enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Governor Richardson's DWI crime package includes: disallowing the pleading down of aggravated DWI refusals to non-DWI charges; disallowing the use of electronic monitoring in lieu of mandatory jail time; providing a clear definition of second degree murder, giving prosecutors the ability to charge individuals with second degree murder in cases where DWI was the cause of a fatality; and revising penalties to increase jail time and fines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF SANTA FE COUNTY that the Governing Body urges the New Mexico State Legislature to adopt Governor Richardson's proposed DWI 2010 legislation.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to give a copy of this resolution to the city's lobbyist and State Legislative delegation.

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PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of November, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Michael Anaya
Michael Anaya, Chairman

ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza
Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephen C. Ross
Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



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Deputy Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM

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